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HEAVY TOLL: Israeli soldiers examine the damage caused by a rocket attack from Lebanon at a cemetery in the northern town of Kiryat Shmona on Wednesday.

A Bloody Day for Israelis

Nine soldiers killed in fight for buffer zone with Hezbollah

BEIRUT, LEBANON | Hezbollah dealt Israel its heaviest losses in the Lebanon campaign Wednesday, killing nine soldiers in fierce firefights. With key Mideast players failing to agree on a formula for a cease-fire, an Israeli general said the operation could last weeks.

Israel said it intends to damage Hezbollah and establish a "security zone" that would be free of the guerrillas and extend 1.2 miles into Lebanon from the Israeli border. Such a zone would prevent Hezbollah from carrying out cross-border raids such as the one two weeks ago that triggered the Israeli military response.



Israel said it would maintain such a zone, with firepower or other means, until the arrival of an international force with muscle to be deployed in a wider swath of southern Lebanon — as opposed to the U.N. force already there that has failed to prevent the violence.

Pushing Hezbollah back with ground troops has proved to be bloody. Several thousand troops are in Lebanon, Israeli military officials said — mainly in a roughly 6-square-mile pocket around the town of Bint Jbail, a Hezbollah stronghold.

The Hezbollah fighters are heavily outnumbered, with some 100 in Bint Jbail and several hundred more in surrounding fields, bunkers and caves, according to the officials.

But they use classic guerrilla tactics, choosing when to strike in the hilly territory they know well. They are dug in with extensive tunnel networks and stockpiling weapons, including rockets with which they pelted Israeli forces Wednesday. SAM F. GHATTAS (AP)

❖ **No consensus:** U.S. and EU are starkly at odds over whether to call for an immediate cease-fire | **Page 7**

FAMILY | **Mommy Fearest** A woman who said a bullying mother-in-law made her life miserable was awarded compensation by a British court, which on Monday ordered Dalbir Kaur Bhakar to pay 35,000 pounds ($65,000) to Gina Satvir Singh.



Singh, 26, claimed her mother-in-law, who lived with the couple in Ilford, kept her a virtual prisoner and forced her to rise at 6:30 a.m. to perform "excessive and unnecessary" chores, including cleaning the toilet without a brush. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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COME-ONS

The Old 'Sociology Project' Line, Eh?

A grand jury in Youngstown, Ohio, has accused a man of sucking on a woman's toe at the public library after he asked to kiss her feet to see her reaction as part of a sociology project. Joseph Colella, 28, was charged with gross sexual imposition. If convicted, he could be face up to 1 1/2 years in prison and a $5,000 fine. A 27-year-old woman told police that on July 11 Colella asked to kiss her feet. She turned him down but relented when he repeatedly insisted. He began kissing her foot and then sucked on a toe. She pulled her foot away and the man asked her reaction, to which she replied she was freaked out. (AP)



WEIRD CRIME

My Throat Is Ringing

Prosecutors in Independence, Mo., say a man shoved a cell phone down his girlfriend's throat because he was angry and jealous. But defense attorneys insisted that the woman swallowed the phone intentionally to keep the defendant from seeing who she'd been calling. Marlon Brando Gill, 24, is charged with first-degree assault in the December incident involving 25-year-old Melinda Abell. Abell has given inconsistent accounts of what happened before she was taken to a hospital, where an emergency room doctor removed the phone. She testified Tuesday that she couldn't remember how the phone got in her throat, saying she had too much to drink that night. (AP)



HENG SINITH/AP

FOOD

A Snack With Legs

This girl is chowing down on deep-fried spiders. Why? In Skun, Cambodia (about 50 miles northeast of Phnom Penh) — world headquarters for arachnid-eating, apparently — this is a fun activity for both tourists and locals. According to a 2004 Time magazine article, the 12-cent delicacies taste like "cold, gooey chicken on the inside" and should be washed down with "a swig of spider-infused rice wine." It is not recommended that you prepare this dish at home. (EXPRESS)

SADNESS

My Koi, My Family

Armed game wardens seized 10 exotic fish from the tank of a popular Chinese restaurant in Freeport, Maine, leaving its owner outraged. "They treated me like a criminal," said Cuong Ly. "I lived under communism, and I felt like I'm back there again." Ly, 45, said his pet koi were like family members. The koi had been on display since Ly opened the restaurant nearly 15 years ago. A few years ago, however, Maine outlawed the importation and possession of koi, and Ly was charged with importing freshwater fish without a permit. (AP)



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BOSTON

Report: 1999 Memo Warned About Faulty Big Dig Bolts

Seven years before falling concrete crushed a motorist to death inside one of Boston's Big Dig tunnels, a safety officer warned that the bolts could not possibly hold the heavy ceiling panels, according to a bluntly worded memo leaked to a newspaper. John Keaveney wrote the memo in 1999 to one of his superiors at contractor Modern Continental Construction Co. (AP)

BROWNSTOWN, IND.

Teen Pleads Not Guilty in Highway Sniper Shootings

A teenager accused of killing a man and wounding another in a series of highway shootings had argued with relatives during a hunting trip and left in anger shortly before the attacks, a prosecutor said Wednesday. Zachariah Blanton, 17, pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges of murder, attempted murder and criminal recklessness. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Judges Delay Investigation Into Jefferson Bribery Case

A federal appeals court on Wednesday delayed a Justice Department bribery investigation of a Louisiana congressman while he challenges the legality of an unprecedented FBI raid on his Capitol Hill office. The decision pushes back a review of evidence seized during a May raid on Democratic Rep. William Jefferson's office. (AP)

Maliki: Iraq Is Front Line on Terror

Prime minister asks Congress for increase in U.S. troops, money

WASHINGTON | Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki appealed to Congress Wednesday to press the war in Iraq with money and troops, portraying his country as crucial to the U.S. as a front line in the war on terror and comparing violence there to the Sept. 11 attacks.

Addressing a joint meeting of Congress, al-Maliki said, "Do not imagine that this problem is solely an Iraqi problem, because the terrorist front represents a threat to all free countries and free people of the world."

Lawmakers in the House chamber gave him a warm welcome, but a number of Democrats stayed away, upset by al-Maliki's stance on another Mideast crisis: He has refused to criticize Hezbollah for its attacks on Israel.



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REQUEST: Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki addresses Congress on Wednesday.

Despite tough rhetoric against terrorism in the Middle East, al-Maliki did not mention the brutal combat between Israel and Hezbollah guerrillas.

The speech by al-Maliki, who became prime minister two months ago, capped a two-day visit to Washington that included personal talks with Bush at the White House on Tuesday. His address came with sectarian violence in Iraq on the rise, threatening hopes by the Bush administration and lawmakers facing election this year that some U.S. troops might come home soon.

During his address, al-Maliki appealed for more aid from the United States and other nations and sought to solidify Congress' commitment to rebuilding Iraq, though he mentioned no specifics.

Congress has approved nearly $300 billion to try to secure and rebuild the country more than three years after a U.S.-led invasion toppled Saddam Hussein.

ANNE PLUMMER FLAHERTY (AP)

Bad Timing for Bush

➜ Middle East crises have disrupted President Bush's plans at a sensitive juncture, reopening divisions with allies and jeopardizing confidence at home. | **Today, A Section**

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Chicago Leaders OK 'Living Wage'

CHICAGO | Brushing aside warnings from Wal-Mart, the City Council approved an ordinance Wednesday that makes Chicago the biggest city in the nation to require big-box retailers to pay a "living wage."

"It's trying to get the largest companies in America to pay decent wages," said Alderman Toni Preckwinkle.

The measure requires mega-retailers with more than $1 billion in annual sales and stores of at least 90,000 square feet to pay workers at least $10 an hour in wages plus $3 in fringe benefits by mid-2010. The current minimum wage in Illinois is $6.50 an hour and the federal minimum is $5.15.

Mayor Richard M. Daley and others warned the living wage proposal would drive jobs and development from some of the city's poorest neighborhoods. (AP)



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Supporters of the ordinance cheer as the measure passes on Wednesday.

HEARSAY | LANGUAGE

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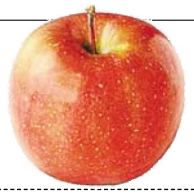
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Wash. Court OKs Gay-Marriage Ban

Justices rule 5-4 to uphold state's 1998 act against unions

OLYMPIA, WASH. | The Washington Supreme Court upheld the state's ban on gay marriage Wednesday, dealing the gay rights movement its second major defeat in less than a month in a liberal-leaning state that was regarded as a promising battleground. The ruling leaves Massachusetts as the only state to allow gays to wed.

In a 5-4 decision, the court said lawmakers have the power to restrict marriage to a man and a woman, and it left intact the state's 1998 Defense of Marriage Act.

Earlier this month, New York's high court dealt gay couples a similar blow when it upheld a state law against same-sex marriage.



TED S. WARREN/AP

DISMISSED: Nancy Sigafoos and Tina Witcher-Sigafoos leave the Capitol after the verdict with their daughter Harper in Olympia, Wash., on Wednesday.

Wednesday's ruling surprised and delighted gay-marriage opponents, given Washington state's liberal politics.

The state Supreme Court overruled two lower courts that had found the ban violated the Washington Constitution's "privileges and immunities" section.

The gay-marriage ban "is constitutional because the Legislature was entitled to believe that limiting marriage to opposite-sex couples furthers procreation, essential to survival," Justice Barbara Madsen wrote in the controlling opinion.

However, Madsen and other members of the majority invited the Legislature to take another look at the "clear hardship" that the ban causes for gay couples.

CURT WOODWARD (AP)

Calif. Sees Little Relief on 11th Day Of Heat Wave

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. | The California heat wave blamed for deaths and blackouts simmered into an 11th day Wednesday as residents waited for a promised temperature drop to end their misery.

State and local authorities reported at least 56 possible heat-related deaths, and utility officials kept up their calls for energy conservation as air conditioners sucked in record levels of electricity.

An hour before sunrise, the temperature had already hit 84 degrees in the Central Valley city of Bakersfield, where the mercury peaked Tuesday at 111, the National Weather Service said. The weather service predicted temperatures around the state would be several degrees lower. (AP)

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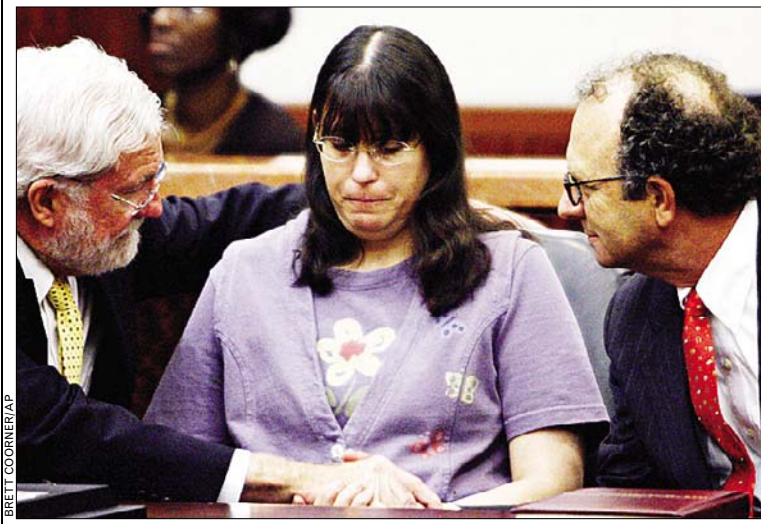
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Andrea Yates, with her lawyers George Parnham, left, and Wendell Odom, was found not guilty by reason of insanity Wednesday in her children's drownings.

Yates Found Not Guilty in Deaths

Mother acquitted by reason of insanity in children's drownings

HOUSTON | In a dramatic turnaround from her first murder trial, Andrea Yates was found not guilty by reason of insanity Wednesday in the drowning of her children in a bathtub.

The 42-year-old woman will be committed to a state mental hospital and held until she is no longer deemed a threat. If she had been convicted of murder, she would have been sentenced to life in prison.

Yates stared wide-eyed as the verdict was read. She then bowed her head and wept quietly.

Four years ago, another jury convicted Yates of murder, rejecting claims that she was so psychotic she thought she was saving her children's souls by killing them. An appeals court overturned the convictions because of erroneous testimony from a prosecution witness.

Yates' chief attorney, George Parnham, called the verdict this time a "watershed event in the treatment of mental illness."

Yates' 2002 conviction triggered debate over whether Texas' legal standard for mental illness was too rigid, whether the courts treated postpartum depression seriously enough, and whether a mother who kills could ever find sympathy and understanding in a tough-on-crime state like Texas.

Yates drowned 6-month-old Mary, 2-year-old Luke, 3-year-old Paul, 5-year-old John and 7-year-old Noah in their Houston-area home in June 2001. Her attorneys said she suffered from severe postpartum psychosis and, in a delusional state, believed that Satan was inside her and that killing the youngsters would save them from hell. ANGELA K. BROWN (AP)

Ohio Court Backs Property Owners

COLUMBUS, OHIO | The Ohio Supreme Court ruled unanimously on Wednesday that economic development isn't a sufficient reason under the state constitution to justify taking homes, putting a halt to a $125 million project of offices, shops and restaurants in a Cincinnati suburb that officials said would create jobs and add tax revenue.

The case was the first challenge about property rights laws to reach a state high court since the U.S. Supreme Court last summer allowed municipalities to seize homes for use by a private developer. (AP)



HOUSE PARTY: In another sign of India's growing economy, news broke Wednesday that a home in the leafy heart of New Delhi sold for a whopping $29 million — putting it among the city's most expensive ever. A home in the city sold for a record $35 million last year.

In Brief

LONDON

GlaxoSmithKline Reports Progress on Bird Flu Vaccine

A British company reported Wednesday it had achieved the best results ever seen on an experimental human vaccine for bird flu and said mass production might be possible by 2007. A global health official called GlaxoSmithKline's early results "an exciting piece of science." If future tests are as promising, it would be a major step in the frustrating campaign to protect people from a possible deadly flu pandemic. (AP)

BAYAMO, CUBA

Castro Addresses Party Faithful on Revolution Day

Fidel Castro led tens of thousands of Communist Party faithful Wednesday in a celebration of the barracks assault that launched the Cuban Revolution 53 years ago. Returning to his roots in eastern Cuba, Castro told a large Revolution Day crowd that his government's social achievements exceed anything a U.S.-backed replacement leader could accomplish. (AP)


Castro

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Continued Fighting Kills 22 Suspected Taliban Militants

Fighting in southern Afghanistan killed 22 suspected Taliban militants, officials said Wednesday, as NATO nations approved expanding the alliance's peacekeeping force into the region. Taliban fighters have stepped up attacks this year, triggering the worst violence since the hard-line regime was ousted in 2001 for hosting Osama bin Laden. (AP)

BEIJING

Levee Collapses in Storm, Threatens to Flood Homes

Heavy rain from Tropical Storm Kaemi collapsed a levee in southern China on Wednesday, threatening to flood the homes of 20,000 villagers. The storm has killed at least nine people, China's official Xinhua news agency said. (AP)


ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/AP

TWO VIEWS: Lebanon premier Fuad Saniora and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice speak to the press in Rome Wednesday.

Push for Cease-Fire Fails

At Mideast crisis talks, U.S. backs off call for urgent end to offensive

ROME | U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who had been under pressure to lean on Israel to end its two-week-old offensive, maintained at crisis talks attended by U.S., European and Arab officials that any cease-fire must be "sustainable" and that there could be no return to the previous status quo.

Her wording suggested continued U.S. support for Israel's demand that the Hezbollah militia be disarmed or at least removed from its border before it will consider an end to its military offensive.

That position has set the U.S., as well as Britain, apart from most of the others at the table — who, while supporting the goals, want Israel's devastating offensive to end first.

Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Saniora, who attended the Rome conference and issued a dramatic appeal for peace at the conference, said the meeting made "some progress" — but pleaded with world leaders to keep working toward an immediate cease-fire.

"The more we delay the cease-fire, the more we are going to witness more being killed, more destruction and more aggression against the civilians in Lebanon," he said.

The Rome conference appears to have formalized the numerous proposals to establish a new multinational force for southern Lebanon — one far tougher than the existing, three-decade-old UNIFIL operation, which has lacked a mandate to prevent hostilities.

Israeli officials have expressed support in principle for the deployment of an international force, recognizing that the weak Lebanese government could not likely subdue the Iranian- and Syrian-backed Hezbollah without assistance.

VICTOR L. SIMPSON (AP)

Mideast maelstrom: For the latest photos, videos, background, analysis and more go to **washingtonpost.com**

U.N. Post Made Calls To Israelis

Observers telephoned military 10 times to ask it to stop shelling

JERUSALEM | U.N. observers in Lebanon telephoned the Israeli military 10 times in six hours to ask it to stop shelling near their position before an Israeli attack destroyed their border outpost, killing four observers and sparking widespread international anger with Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert expressed "deep regret" for the deaths and dismay over U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's accusation that the attack Tuesday on the observation post in Khiam, near the eastern end of the border with Israel, was "apparently deliberate."

The bombing put Israel on the defensive two weeks into its campaign against Hezbollah guerrillas in southern Lebanon.

Olmert told Annan in a phone call Wednesday that the attack was inadvertent and he promised a "thorough investigation," according to a statement from Olmert's office.

Officials in the outpost called the Israeli army 10 times during those six hours, and each time an army official promised to have the bombing stopped, according to a preliminary U.N. report on the incident, which was shown to an Associated Press reporter. RAVI NESSMAN (AP)

HEARSAY | WAR ZONE

"I can't even talk about it. It was a disaster. It was worse than a nightmare. ... It didn't stop even for a day. Everything is finished."

—ALI ABBAS TEHFI

AN AMERICAN EVACUATING LEBANON, ON THE SCENE HIS FAMILY LEFT BEHIND AS THEY FLED A VILLAGE NEAR THE ISRAELI BORDER.

New Israeli Strikes in Gaza Kill 23

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Israeli strikes killed 23 people in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, including 16 militants and a mother and her two young daughters, in the deadliest day of fighting since Israel withdrew from the coastal strip last year.

The fighting in Gaza began after Hamas-linked militants captured an Israeli soldier in a June 25 cross-border raid. Israel launched an offensive to rescue the soldier, but later expanded its aims to stop militants from firing rockets at Israeli towns.

On Wednesday, Israeli aircraft, tanks, and artillery supported bulldozers that drove into northeastern Gaza, flattening orchards and greenhouses to deprive cover to militants firing rockets into Israel, the army said.

In northern Gaza, a woman and her two daughters were killed when an artillery shell landed on their house, hospital officials said. (AP)


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A wounded Palestinian boy is taken to a hospital in Gaza City on Wednesday.

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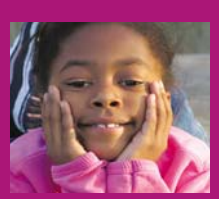
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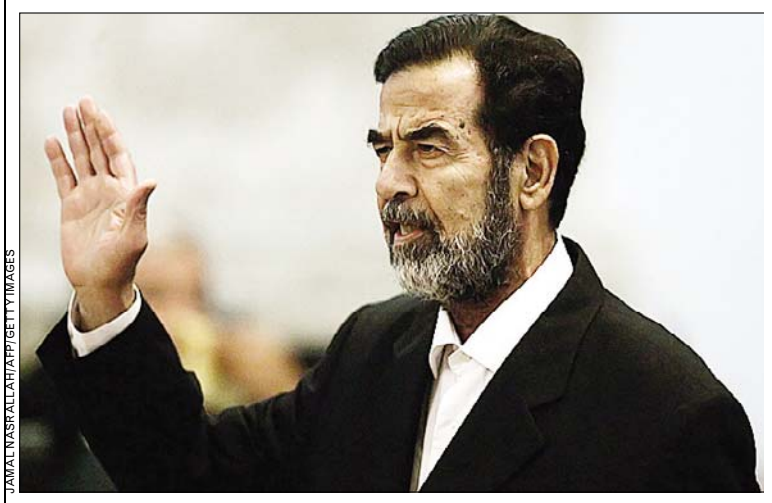
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Ex-Iraqi President Saddam Hussein speaks to the judge during his final appearance before the Baghdad tribunal that will weigh his role in a 1982 crackdown on Shiites.

Fiery Saddam Makes Final Case

If convicted, ex-leader prefers death by firing squad over hanging

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | A thinner but combative Saddam Hussein said Wednesday he would rather die by firing squad like a soldier than hang "like a common criminal," as the defiant ex-president made his final appearance before the tribunal until it renders a verdict.

The prosecution has asked for the death penalty for Saddam and two of the other seven defendants for their roles in the deaths of Shiites in a crackdown following a 1982 assassination attempt against the Iraqi ruler in Dujail.

Saddam was in court to hear his court-appointed attorney read a final summation, arguing that prosecution witnesses and documents failed to link the former leader to any of the atrocities in Dujail.

But that did not sit well with the 69-year-old Saddam, who denounced the lawyer as his "enemy" and claimed the summation was drafted by foreigners he accused of manipulating the trial since it began Oct. 19.

Saddam also said the Americans brought him against his will from a hospital, where he was rushed Sunday on the 17th day of a hunger strike and fed through a tube. After more than two weeks without food, Saddam seemed thinner but no less vigorous, although his energy appeared to wane in the final minutes of the hearing.

In a rambling statement that the judge often interrupted, Saddam said he would rather die by firing squad and "not by hanging as a common criminal" if he is convicted and sentenced to death.

That brought a rebuke from Chief Judge Raouf Abdel-Rahman, who reminded Saddam that the five-judge panel has not finished the trial, much less reached a verdict. BUSHRA JUHI (AP)

Chad, Sudan Sign Peace Deal

N'DJAMENA, CHAD | Chad signed a peace deal Wednesday with neighboring Sudan after months of accusations from both sides about rebel attacks and bloody cross-border raids.

The deal calls for a joint military commission to monitor the border and "forbids the presence of rebel elements" in both counties, according to the Chadian government.

The two nations' presidents pledged in a Feb. 8 agreement to normalize relations and work to prevent the presence of rebel groups in each other's country. (AP)



BONING UP: Greek researchers said Wednesday they had discovered a well-preserved skull of 5-million-year-old primate. The remains of the Mesopithecus Pentelicus — a monkey-like animal, a little more than 3 feet long — were found in the Halkidiki peninsula.

Mexico's Leftist Candidate Says He Won Election

MEXICO CITY | Leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said Wednesday he considers himself Mexico's president, even though the July 2 election results are still in dispute.

Official results showed conservative Felipe Calderon of President Vicente Fox's National Action Party with a slight advantage over Lopez Obrador. There can be no president-elect, however, until the country's top electoral court rules on appeals by both candidates and either annuls the election or declares a winner by Sept. 6.

Lopez Obrador told the Univision network he had proof that the election was stolen from him.

"I won the election. Yes, I'm the president of Mexico," he told the network in an interview that was to air Wednesday and Thursday.

Lopez Obrador claims that poll workers inflated Calderon's vote tallies and that computer fraud also helped award 1.5 million extra votes to his opponent. (AP)

Europe Roasts in Record Heat Wave

Fresh blast of soaring temperatures triggers call to take precautions

PARIS | At the Lyon zoo in southeastern France, the polar bears suffering in 99-degree heat snacked on mackeral-flavored popsicles the size of bricks.

Beneath the Eiffel Tower on Wednesday, huge fans spewed mist over lines of tourists broiling in the 97-degree temperatures.

"The Furnace," read the headline of the daily national newspaper, Aujourd'hui.

Much of Europe is roasting in a record-breaking heat wave this week that has killed 40 people in France, shut down a nuclear reactor in Spain because river water was too hot to cool it, and fueled forest fires in Croatia.

"We'll probably see that this month of July was the hottest ever in the history of French meteorology," said Frederic Nathan, a meteorologist for Meteo France.



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HEAT OF THE MOMENT: Parisians cool off in the fountains of the Parc Andre Citroen on Wednesday amid a heat wave that has killed at least 40 people in France.

Britain last week reported its hottest day ever at 97.7 degrees. Meteorologists in the Netherlands also predict this will be the hottest July since the country started keeping records in 1706.

This week the French government has issued daily bulletins to the public, urging families to check frequently on elderly family members and take precautions such as passing a few hours a day in cool places, admonishing citizens to drink lots of water and suggesting that people seek cool places like shopping malls or movie theaters for a few hours a day. Air conditioning is relatively uncommon in private apartments and houses in France and other parts of Europe.

Francoise Chauvet, 78, a retired schoolteacher walked carefully in the shadow of a yellow umbrella on a sizzling Paris street Wednesday. "I feel as though I would melt otherwise."

MOLLY MOORE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Feeling the Burn

➜ France and other countries are now quick to declare heat emergencies in the aftermath of a 2003 blast of heat that left 30,000 dead across Europe. | Today, A Section

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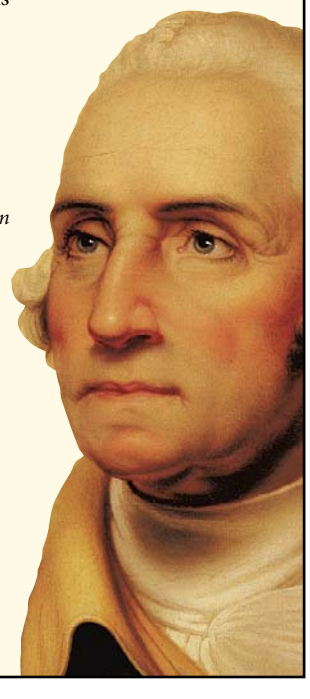
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Money

GM Reports Loss of $3.2B

Costs tied to massive turnaround tempered by 12% jump in sales

DETROIT | General Motors Corp. said Wednesday it lost $3.2 billion in the second quarter as it absorbed heavy charges for its massive restructuring program. But the world's largest automaker reported an adjusted profit without the charges that handily beat Wall Street estimates, and its sales surged 12 percent.

The loss of $5.62 per share in the April-June period compared with a loss of $987 million, or $1.75 per share, for the same period last year.

Revenue climbed to $54.4 billion, compared with $48.5 billion in the second quarter of 2005.



BILL PUGLIANO/GETTY IMAGES

Amid billions in special charges, GM saw an uptick in revenue over last year.

"We're particularly pleased with the speed with which our people have implemented our turnaround plan. Conventional wisdom is that you can't turn a ship as big as GM around quickly. We aim to prove that conventional wisdom wrong," GM Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner said in a statement.

Wagoner said the company had increased its target for reducing annual costs in North America to $9 billion from $8 billion this year, with $6 billion of that savings achieved in 2006, instead of a previously expected $5 billion.

The second-quarter loss included a total of $4.3 billion in special charges, including a $3.7 billion after-tax charge related to buyouts and early retirements, which allowed GM to reduce its hourly work force by 34,400. In North America, excluding special items, GM lost $85 million, a $1.1 billion improvement over the second quarter of 2005. SARAH KARUSH (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

SEC to Require More Details On Pay, Perks for Top Execs

Companies will have to provide more details of executive pay and perks under the most substantial overhaul of benefit disclosure policy since 1992, adopted unanimously Wednesday by SEC regulators. For the first time, public companies will be required to furnish tables in annual filings showing the total yearly compensation for their chief executive officers, chief financial officers and the next three highest-paid executives. The plan is designed, in part, to address an issue that has angered company shareholders and the public. (AP)

SEATTLE

MSN to Air Free Episodes Of 'Arrested Development'

Microsoft Corp. will run free episodes of the quirky TV comedy "Arrested Development" through its MSN Video service later this year, making the show available online for the first time. MSN, the software maker's Internet unit, said Wednesday it will run display and video ads instead of charging viewers to watch the critically lauded show that was a hit with a relatively small but fiercely loyal audience. MSN will have exclusive portal rights to syndicate the show's 53 episodes for three years. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
YankCdl	26.05	+3.97	+18.0
WolvTub	4.05	+.47	+13.1
MStewrt	16.99	+1.59	+10.3
Gallaghr	27.70	+2.53	+10.1
MylanLab	22.29	+2.04	+10.1

Losers

ChoiceH s	44.20	-14.65	-24.9
Plantron	15.38	-4.16	-21.3
GettyIm	45.12	-10.08	-18.3
CarpTech	90.67	-17.20	-15.9
Banta	37.35	-6.41	-14.6

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ChinaTDv lf	2.14	+.80	+59.7
ChinaNRes	6.85	+1.73	+33.8
SigmaTel	5.08	+1.23	+31.9
GulfIsland	23.56	+4.06	+20.8
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Losers

DgInsght	22.11	-9.54	-30.1
SiRF Tch	19.69	-5.96	-23.2
Amazon	26.26	-7.33	-21.8
AspectMed	15.02	-3.37	-18.3
HlthStrm	3.15	-.69	-18.0

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.25
3-month disc	4.98	4.98
2-year	5.07	5.11
10-year	5.03	5.06
30-year	5.10	5.10

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5397	.5435	.5745
Canadian Dollar	1.1354	1.1415	1.2300
European Euro	.7875	.7947	.8316
Japanese Yen	116.28	117.15	112.35
Mexican Peso	10.9300	10.8960	10.6940
Taiwanese Dollar	32.78	32.74	31.82

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-1.20	-3.44	-0.48
-0.01	-0.17	-0.04
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Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AustNZ	96.30	-.49	+9.4
BcoSnCH	14.75	+.02	+11.8
BkofAm	50.99	+.18	+10.5
BkNova g	41.34	+.73	+4.3
Citigrp	47.53	+.08	-2.1
DeutschBk	112.87	+1.28	+16.5
JPMorgCh	44.65	+.02	+12.5
MitsuUFJ	13.12	-.21	-4.2
RoyalBk gs	42.08	+.73	+7.9
TorDBk g	52.57	+.76	-.2
UBS AG s	52.30	+.32	+9.9
US Bancrp	31.88	-.01	+6.7
Wachovia	53.14	-.30	+.5
WA Mutl	45.73	+.03	+5.1
WellsFrgo	70.86	+.16	+12.8

1.2 | **The percent decrease** in the price of homes in Washington in May from a year ago, another sign that the once-booming real estate market may be declining. However, the city did show an increase in home prices in June.

Local

In Brief

WASHINGTON

11 Fired Following Jailbreak

Eleven D.C. Department of Corrections employees have been fired in the wake of June's jailbreak. Corrections department director Devon Brown said worker negligence contributed to the escape by Ricardo Jones and Joseph Leaks, who were both captured again the next day. Brown said the department has also taken new precautions like adding more security cameras, fencing and razor wire. (AP)

WASHINGTON

City Agrees to Make Parking Meters More Accessible

The District of Columbia has promised to make parking meters more accessible to people with disabilities as part of a settlement of a discrimination lawsuit. The agreement announced Wednesday requires the city to install, on each metered block, at least two parking meters that face the sidewalk and that are low enough for someone in a wheelchair. (AP)

RICHMOND, VA.

Execution Scheduled for Man Who Killed Fellow Inmate

Barring intervention from the U.S. Supreme Court or Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, a man who killed a fellow inmate during a pagan ceremony will be executed Thursday. Michael Lenz, 42, is scheduled to die by injection at 9 p.m. at the Greensville Correctional Center in Jarratt for the murder of 41-year-old Brent Parker. Lenz and another inmate, Jeffrey Remington, were sentenced to death in 2000 for stabbing Parker a combined 68 times with makeshift knives at the Augusta Correctional Center. (AP)

Steele Says Bush Is 'My Homeboy'

Md. Senate candidate backtracks on remarks slamming Republicans

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Republican Senate candidate Michael Steele on Wednesday called President Bush his "homeboy," reversed course on having the president campaign for him and said he was joking when he described his Republican affiliation as a scarlet letter.

The Maryland lieutenant governor, under fire for his comments, told WBAL radio that his remarks were supposed to be off the record with a handful of reporters. Instead, Steele's campaign confirmed Tuesday that he was the unnamed Senate candidate who had assailed the Bush administration and Republican-controlled Congress in a story in The Washington Post.

"I've been quoted as calling the president my homeboy, you know. And that's how I feel. ... It's a term of affection and respect for his leadership of our country in a difficult time," said Steele, who is black.

The Post quoted the unnamed candidate as saying the GOP-controlled Congress should "just shut up and get something done," that the Iraq war "didn't work" and "we didn't prepare for the peace," and that the response to Hurricane Katrina was "a monumental failure of government."

Steele also said he probably wouldn't want Bush campaigning for him in Maryland and that he considers his party affiliation a scarlet letter. The White House said Wednesday that Bush still is backing Steele in his Senate race.

Steele said Wednesday: "If the president wanted to come and help me in Maryland, he is more than welcome, because I'm not going to turn my back on a friend. I'm not

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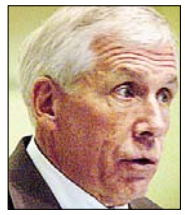


MATTHEW S. GUNBY/SALISBURY DAILY TIMES/AP

PONY EXPRESS: Ponies make their way across the Assateague Channel on Wednesday morning during the 81st annual Pony Swim in Chincoteague, Va. The 200 wild ponies will be auctioned off on Thursday.

Congressmen Warn Against Dulles Tunnel

Federal funding for Metro extension in jeopardy if costs rise



Wolf



Davis

WASHINGTON | Two congressman on Wednesday warned Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine about supporting the construction of a tunnel for Metrorail's 23-mile extension to Dulles International Airport.

"We, like most people, would prefer a tunnel because it would be more aesthetically pleasing," Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10th) and Rep. Tom Davis (R-11th) wrote in a letter to Kaine. "However, as you well know, there is more to this issue."

The congressmen from Virginia said the project could be delayed for at least two years for an environmental study.

More importantly, they said, the tunnel's additional costs could jeopardize the federal government's $900 million in funding for the extension.

Some estimates have put the cost of an underground tunnel at $200 million or more.

The warning came a day before Kaine and Transportation Secretary Pierce Homer are expected to receive results of a two-month study on whether to build the four-mile Tysons portion underground or on an elevated track.

If Virginia recommends building a tunnel, landowners in the Tysons Corner commercial district could be asked to pay a higher tax. (AP)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, July 26

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Mid-day DC 4	2-7-5-9

MARYLAND	
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VIRGINIA	
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Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	1-0-8
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-3-9-6
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	6-4-0-4
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	1-12-18-24-30
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	5-10-18-29-30

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Mega Millions (Tues.)	7-21-24-41-51
Mega Ball	10

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Md. Prison Guard Killed by Inmates

BALTIMORE | Three inmates, who may have gotten free by jamming the locks of their cells, attacked and killed a corrections officer, prison officials said Wednesday.

The stabbing Tuesday of Officer David McGuinn was the latest in a surge of violence at the Maryland House of Correction in Jessup, an institution dating to the 19th century that prison officials say is outmoded and correctional officers say is understaffed.

McGuinn, 42, was the state's second correctional officer killed in the line of duty this year. Jeffery A. Wroten, 44, of Martinsburg, W.Va., died Jan. 27, a day after he was shot in the face with his own gun, allegedly by an inmate he was guarding at a Hagerstown hospital. Before that, the last corrections officer killed in the line of duty inside a prison was Herman L. Toulson Jr., who was stabbed in 1984 by an inmate at the former Maryland Penitentiary in Baltimore.

"We have lost another family member and our hearts are heavy, but we will not be deterred," Division of Correction Commissioner Frank C. Sizer Jr. said Wednesday at a news conference. "We will continue to confront acts of violence in our prisons." WILEY HALL (AP)

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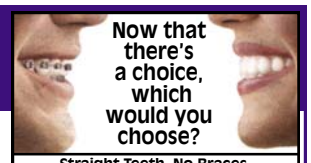
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Sports

Bonds' Trainer Again Set to Testify

Recently released from prison, Anderson will likely continue silence

BASEBALL | Lawyers for Barry Bonds' personal trainer say he'd rather go back to prison for a third time than take part in the grand jury investigation of his childhood friend for tax evasion and perjury.

Fresh off a 15-day jail term for refusing to cooperate in an earlier phase of the probe, Greg Anderson is expected to be called Thursday before a new grand jury investigating the San Francisco Giants slugger. But the trainer is expected to renew his vow of silence.

"He's resigned to do whatever it takes to maintain his integrity," said Paula Canny, an attorney and close friend of Anderson's.

Anderson was released from prison last week on the same day prosecutors announced a grand jury investigating Bonds had expired without issuing an indictment. The new grand jury was assembled, and Anderson received what was believed to be the first subpoena.

If he again refuses to testify, he'll be hauled in front of a federal judge, who will demand to know why he should be excused from testifying, a requirement even the president of the United States has to honor.

Since Anderson's arguments remain the same, the judge likely will send him back to prison.

Authorities are investigating whether Bonds lied under oath when he told an earlier grand jury he didn't know whether the substances given to him by Anderson were steroids. The probe also reportedly is focused on whether Bonds paid taxes on the sale of hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of sports memorabilia.

Bonds' attorney, Michael Rains, says his client is guilty of nothing more than being famous.

"They're harassing Greg Anderson to get to Barry," Rains said. PAUL ELIAS AND DAVID KRAVETS (AP)



PAUL CHINN/AP

Barry Bonds' trainer, Greg Anderson, left, leaves prison last week. Anderson has refused to testify against his friend.

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OLYMPICS

Two More Cities Eliminated In Hope for U.S.'s 2016 Bid

The U.S. Olympic Committee eliminated Houston and Philadelphia as candidate cities for the 2016 Olympics on Wednesday, leaving San Francisco, Los Angeles and Chicago in the running for what many consider to be America's best shot in years at landing a Summer Games. The USOC won't decide until later this year whether it even will make a bid. If it does, it will pick a city by next March. The International Olympic Committee will pick the winning site in 2009. (AP)

NASCAR

Former Auto Racing Champ Diagnosed With Lung Cancer

Former NASCAR champion Benny Parsons has been diagnosed with lung cancer and began chemotherapy treatments Wednesday. Parsons, the 1973 Cup champion and currently a NASCAR commentator on NBC and TNT, was diagnosed two weeks ago after he had trouble breathing. Parsons, chosen as one of NASCAR's 50 greatest drivers in 1998, made 526 starts from 1964 until his 1988 retirement. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NATIONALS (1 P.M. ON MASN) Livan Hernandez takes the mound for what could be his last start as a National, as General Manager Jim Bowden continues to look to trade for younger players before the deadline. Facing Hernandez will be Matt Cain, a 21-year-old who has had one win in his past six starts.

ORIOLES (8 P.M. ON MASN) The final game of the Royals series will be a battle between losing pitchers: Runelvys Hernandez and Rodrigo Lopez. Lopez has an ERA of 9.17 in July, so the O's will need some offense from possible trade bait Miguel Tejada.

BASEBALL (8 P.M. ON MASN) The Chicago Cubs have had the luck of, well, the Chicago Cubs this season, and now they return to Wrigley to face the division-leading St. Louis Cardinals.

GOLF (7 P.M. ON TGC) Lorena Ochoa, Mi Hyun Kim and Shani Waugh all shot 66 and share the lead at the Evian Masters.

Church Finally Back in Action

NATS NOTES

RYAN CHURCH WAS in over his head. Long considered a can't-miss prospect, the 27-year-old found himself on a frantic search for his once-sweet swing at the start of 2006. And that search was taking him nowhere.

He'd managed to lose his starting center-field spot before spring training was over. Given a brief reprieve in April, Church played so poorly that the Nationals once again jettisoned him to the minor leagues.

"I was lost," he said. "I can't even really describe it. I've never been in that situation, and I didn't really handle it well."

It took a two-month stint in the minors to earn a ticket back to the big club. And it wasn't an easy two months. In Triple-A, where he hit .343 in 2004, Church struggled to heft his batting average even to a level befitting a utility infielder.



JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

Ryan Church reacts to flying out in the ninth in a May game against Baltimore.

Slowly, with mentoring from New Orleans Zephyrs manager Tim Foli, he found that swing.

With confidence audible in his voice and visible on the field, Church bashed an upper-deck home run in his first game back with the Nats on Sunday. He followed that with a two-run double and a game-sealing sacrifice fly on Tuesday.

"He's being a little bit more patient at the plate," manager Frank Robinson said, "and he's hitting some pitches that he wasn't hitting before."

Said Church of his latest mission: "I don't want to give them any reason to send me back down."

Likeable lineup

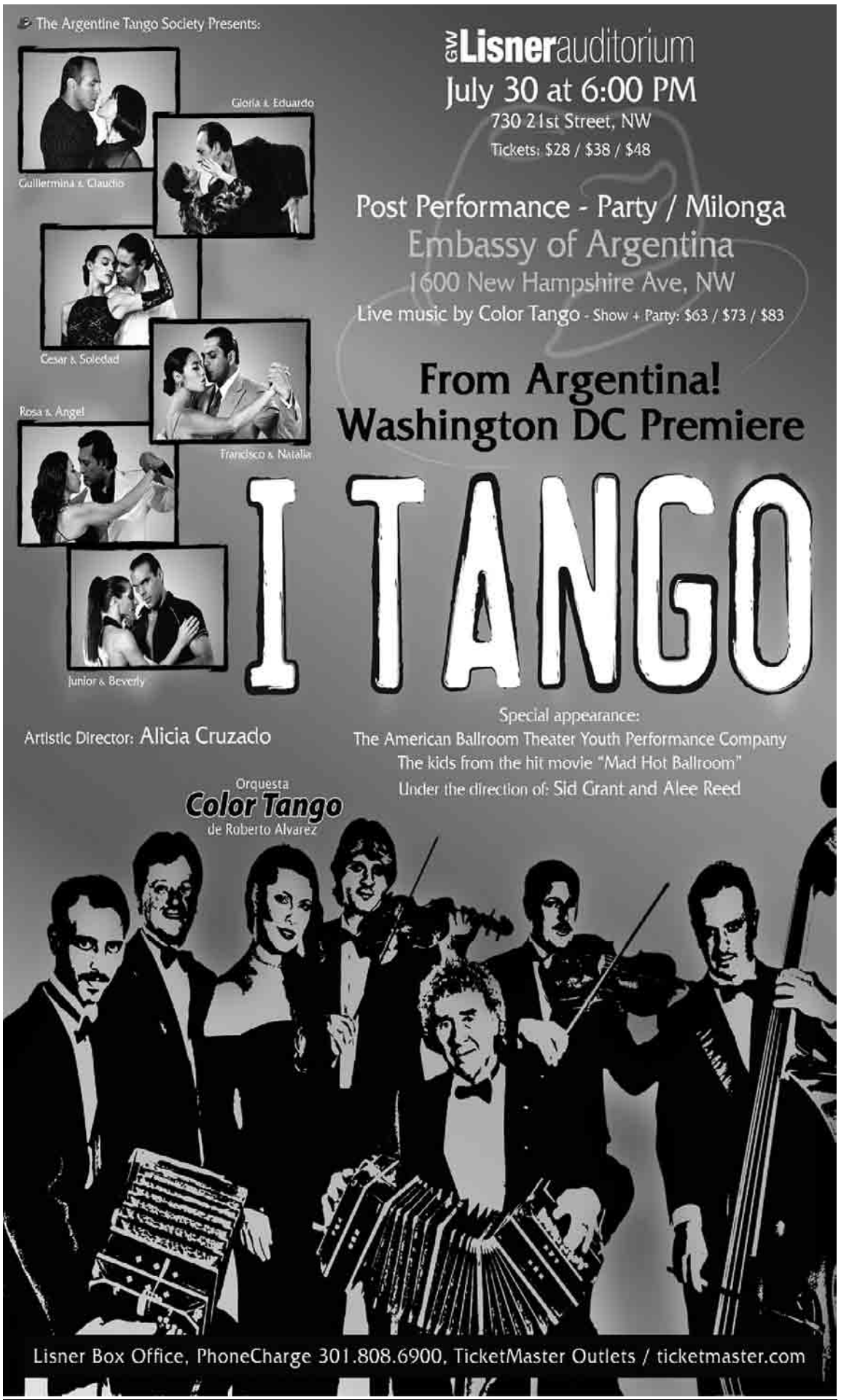
The arrival of shortstop Felipe Lopez and right-fielder Austin Kearns has Robinson smiling as he fills out the lineup card these days. The 26-year-olds provide the Nationals with speed at the top of the order and power in the middle.

"It's a reflection of having people that you can move around in the lineup and having a lineup that you can put in a position where you feel like they can be successful," he said. "Yeah, I like it."

With 25 stolen bases, the switch-hitting Lopez is the obvious candidate to replace Alfonso Soriano in the leadoff spot, should one of the oft-rumored trades come to pass. Meanwhile, Kearns has moved nicely into the role once filled by Jose Guillen, who underwent surgery on his right elbow this week.

On the mend

Outfielder Alex Escobar remains day-to-day after injuring his right hamstring while providing the game-winning hit Friday against the Cubs. DEREK TURNER



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A NEGATIVE POSITIVE: A cyclist in the Tour de France tested positive for doping, the sport's governing body said Wednesday. The UCI wouldn't disclose the rider's name, team or nationality pending completion of the testing process, but the rider and team had been notified.



Sports

The U.S.'s McBride Retires

Soccer star is the only American to score in 2 different World Cups

SOCCER | Brian McBride, the only American player to score in two different World Cups, is retiring from international soccer.

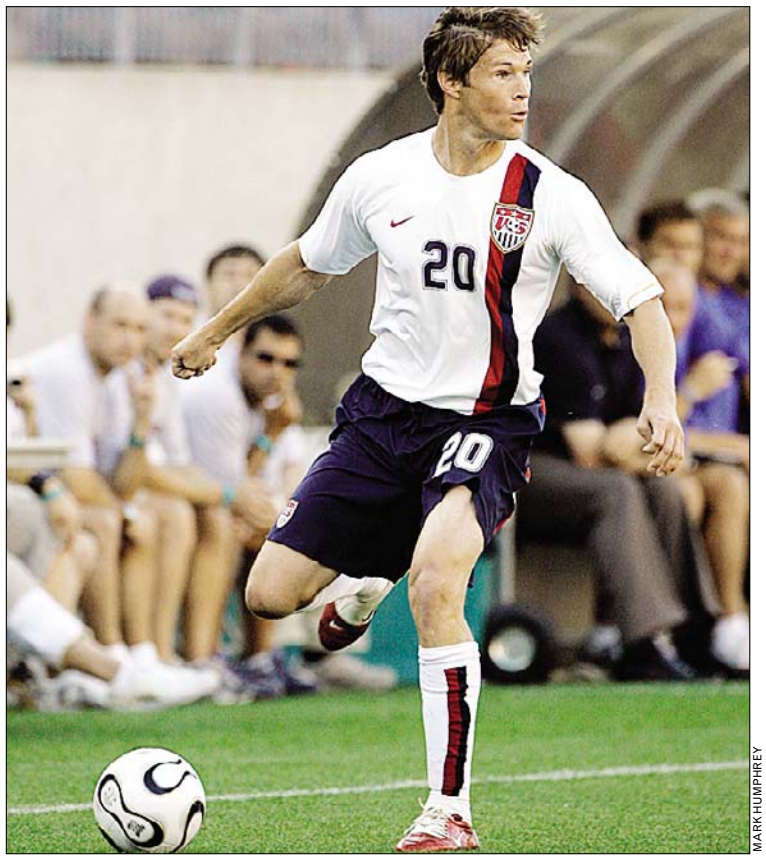
The 34-year-old McBride, who plays for Fulham in the English Premier League, is the second-leading scorer in U.S. national team history, with 30 goals in 95 games.

The three-time World Cup veteran has the second-most appearances for the U.S. in World Cup matches with 10, starting all five games in 2002 and scoring one goal each against Portugal and Mexico. He also had the team's only goal in 1998.

"This is a special day in that I have the opportunity to thank U.S. Soccer for all it has done for me and my family," McBride said. "The consistent and determined efforts of the coaches, staff and players at U.S. Soccer have helped bless me with the honor of being a part of three World Cups, playing the game I love."

McBride, a native of Arlington Heights, Ill., was the tournament MVP and leading scorer with four goals in the 2002 CONCACAF Gold Cup. He led Fulham last season with 10 goals.

"It was an honor to have a player like Brian McBride at the core of the national team during my tenure," said former U.S. coach Bruce Arena. "He is truly a player with qualities unlike any other player to wear the national team uniform." (AP)



MARK HUMPHREY

THERE GOES MCBRIDE: Brian McBride, will no longer compete in international play for the U.S. McBride said he felt blessed for his part on three World Cup teams.

Upbeat Garcia Readies for Tourney

GOLF | Sergio Garcia says he's happy with his game, despite a rough final round at the British Open that put him seven shots behind winner Tiger Woods.

The Spaniard, one shot off the lead going into the final round, tied for fifth after a 1-over 73.

But Garcia, the top finisher from The British Open playing this week in the Deutsche Bank Players Championship, said his 65 on Saturday made him think he might break through.

"You start getting things going right, and it seems like nothing can go wrong," Garcia said Wednesday. "Then it goes the other way. It's tough. You're charging pins after making a couple three-putts, so you kind of go for it a bit more, and it just didn't work." (AP)



ALASTAIR GRANT/AP

Sergio Garcia waves to the crowd after a disappointing Sunday round of 1-over.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Boston	61	38	.616	—	32-13	29-25
N.Y. Yankees	58	40	.592	2.5	31-18	27-22
Toronto	56	44	.560	5.5	35-21	21-23
Baltimore	45	56	.446	17	27-25	18-31
Tampa Bay	42	59	.416	20	25-22	17-37

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Detroit	67	33	.670	—	33-17	34-16
Chicago	59	40	.596	7.5	34-18	25-22
Minnesota	58	41	.586	8.5	37-11	21-30
Cleveland	44	55	.444	22.5	25-26	19-29
Kansas City	35	64	.354	31.5	22-25	13-39

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Los Angeles	51	49	.510	—	24-24	27-25
Oakland	51	49	.510	—	24-24	27-25
Texas	51	50	.505	0.5	25-27	26-23
Seattle	48	52	.480	3	27-26	21-26

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
N.Y. Mets	59	41	.590	—	29-21	30-20
Atlanta	47	52	.475	11.5	21-24	26-28
Florida	46	52	.469	12	25-24	21-28
Philadelphia	44	53	.454	13.5	22-29	22-24
Washington	44	56	.440	15	24-24	20-32

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
St. Louis	57	42	.576	—	31-19	26-23
Cincinnati	53	47	.530	4.5	27-25	26-22
Milwaukee	48	53	.475	10	30-21	18-32
Houston	47	53	.470	10.5	28-23	19-30
Chicago	39	60	.394	18	17-28	22-32
Pittsburgh	36	66	.353	22.5	24-26	12-40

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
San Diego	53	47	.530	—	25-28	28-19
Arizona	51	48	.515	1.5	26-26	25-22
San Fran.	51	49	.510	2	29-24	22-25
Colorado	47	52	.475	5.5	23-23	24-29
L.A. Dodgers	47	54	.465	6.5	28-23	19-31

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Sports

66 **The percentage of amateur golfers** who are overweight, according to an unscientific Golf Digest poll. Nine percent also admitted to drinking 10 or more beers during a round of golf.

Wie Is Behind Top Woman

Youngster is 3 back from Lorena Ochoa, co-leader at 6-under

WOMEN'S GOLF | Michelle Wie knows it's tough keeping up with the best men in the game.

In the French Alps on Wednesday, she learned that beating golf's top female money winner this season — Mexico's Lorena Ochoa — won't be much easier.

Ochoa, Kim Mi-hyun and Shani Waugh shot 6-under 66 to lead the Evian Masters, where temperatures reached an unseasonable 91 degrees. Ochoa birdied seven holes but bogeyed the 15th for her 66.

"I hit it close today and did not have that many long putts," said Ochoa, who was the runner-up with Wie here a year ago when Paula Creamer won. Creamer opened this time with a 70.

Karrie Webb was one shot behind after a 67, with Maria Hjorth, Laura Davies and Se Ri Pak in at 68. Wie had a 69, tied with the game's top-ranked player, Annika Sorenstam.

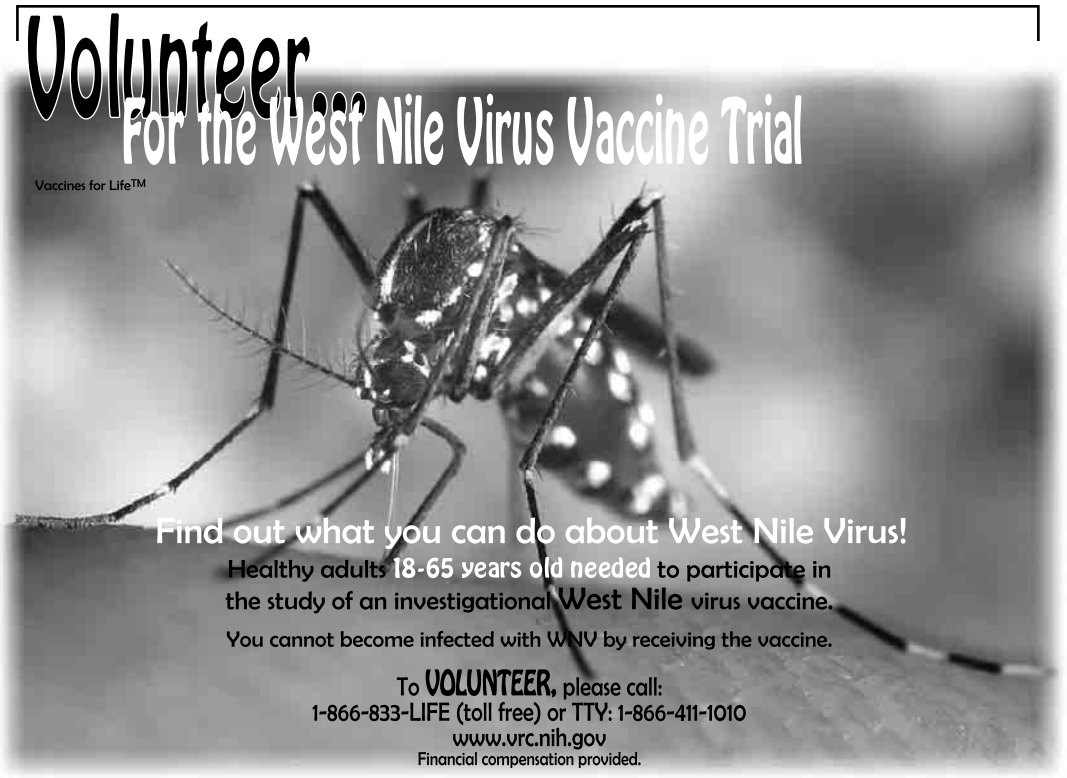
In steamy conditions on the Alpine layout, players sought shade and liquids to avoid Wie's fate at the John Deere Classic earlier this month, where she was forced out of the men's tournament in the second round with heat exhaustion.

"I was smart today," said Wie, who was treated in a hospital during the Illinois tournament. "I drank a lot of water with electrolytes. I stayed in the shade. I had my sun umbrella. It helped a lot. I'm just taking baby steps." ERICA BULMAN (AP)



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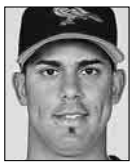
ON THE GREEN: Mexico's Lorena Ochoa, women's golf's top money winner this year, tees off on the 16th at the Evian Masters. Ochoa is tied for the lead at 6-under.



TRANSFERRING THE BLAME: High schooler Bill Walker, widely considered the second-best hoops star in the class of rising seniors, is challenging a ruling that would prohibit him from playing his senior year. Walker played one year at a high school in Kentucky before transferring to North College Hill in



Sports



"Off the Field

NATIONALS OUTFIELDER LUIS MATOS

Q&A | Change is a theme these days for the Nationals. Luis Matos got the new start he was looking for when he joined the club July 14 after parting ways with the Orioles — the only Major League club he ever knew. We sat down with Matos to talk about change and found out in the process that it's not really that easy to hit one off the prodigious right-field wall at Camden Yards.

What was it like changing teams?
It's like going through your first day of school. I know most of the people [on the Nationals], but I've never played with them. ... It's a good experience to come here. I've never had a change in my life.

Do most guys you've seen join new teams have a smooth transition?
I don't think it's harder [for me] because it was time for me to move on. When you establish yourself in a place, I think it's harder. When you have a contract for four or five years with a team and all of the sudden in the second year they trade you ,that's kind of hard because you buy a house and your family is used to that [area].



NICK WASS/AP

New National Luis Matos celebrates with teammate Alex Escobar. Matos says it was time for him to get out of Baltimore and that the switch to D.C. was a blessing.

> "It's like ... your first day of school. I know most of the people, but I've never played with them."

You've played at Oriole Park, which has a reputation as a hitter's park. What do you feel are the differences between there and RFK ?
The ball carries [at RFK]. It's a big ballpark with big gaps. People get fooled with Camden Yards because it's so small, but the ball doesn't carry that much. ... You hit it here and it's going to go because it carries. People start thinking about home runs at a little park because it's smaller, and then you get here to a big park and you don't think about it.

So, do hitters suffer psychologically at Camden Yards because of the presumed advantage?
I think for a left-handed hitter, yeah. But if you're a right-handed hitter, you've got to hit it [hard] anyway.

What do you do when you want to get away from the game?
In the offseason I vacation a lot. I try to travel to every [destination] I've never been. Either Hawaii or the Bahamas ...

So you're more of a beach guy?
Yeah. Beach guy. I need to be near a city, but at a beach.

What do you want to do after you call it a career?
I know I want to do something in baseball, but I don't know what it's going to be. I love this game so much that I want to help the young guys.

ERIC BRANDNER

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8 | **Total number of Indians' batters** struck out by Tigers rookie ace Justin Verlander, a career high. The Tigers went on to beat the Indians, 4-1, continuing their domination of the AL Central. Detroit, which plays Minnesota this week, is 30-13 against the rest of its division.

Twins Catch White Sox With Sweep

Having won 34 of 42, red-hot Minnesota set for clash with Tigers

BASEBALL | Michael Cuddyer believed his team was better and thought the problems would pass.

Wishful thinking or not, time proved him right.

Cuddyer and Justin Morneau each hit two-run homers, and the surging Minnesota Twins beat plummeting Chicago 7-4 on Wednesday to complete a three-game sweep and move into a second-place tie with the White Sox.

Minnesota and Chicago trail Detroit by 8 1/2 games in the AL Central and are tied atop the AL wild card race. The Twins, who have won 34 of 42, open a three-game series at home against Detroit on Friday.

"We knew, eventually, if we were to keep winning, we'd catch whoever was in front of us," Cuddyer said.

Cuddyer homered in the first inning, and Morneau broke a 3-3 tie with a long shot to right in the fifth.



JOSEPH OLIVER/AP

Michael Cuddyer celebrates with teammate Nick Punto after hitting a two-run homer in the first inning. The Twins are now tied with Chicago for the AL wild card.

The White Sox had been running neck-and-neck with Detroit but have fallen back during a skid in which they've dropped 12 of 15.

"For the first time in my life, I'm speechless," said Ozzie Guillen, Chicago's outspoken manager. "It's been two tough weeks. It's tough for me to point at any of the players. I blame everybody."

All-Star left-hander Mark Buehrle (9-9) lost his fifth straight start, allowing 10 hits and seven runs in 5 1/3 innings. He left with two runners on in the sixth and both eventually scored. (AP)

"Nobody understands gifted young pitchers. They don't understand themselves."

Thomas Boswell considers the divergent paths of Orioles pitchers Erik Bedard and the demoted Daniel Cabrera. | Today's Sports

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KATHY WILLENS/AP

Jose Valentin celebrates his late hit to snap the Mets' three-game losing skid.

Velentin Lifts Mets Past Cubs

BASEBALL | Jose Valentin hit an RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning, and the New York Mets edged the Chicago Cubs 1-0 Wednesday to snap a three-game skid.

Mark Prior threw 5 2/3 hitless innings before departing after 103 pitches. He matched zeros with Mets rookie John Maine, who tossed seven innings of three-hit ball.

Prior and reliever Will Ohman held the Mets without a hit for six innings before Valentin blooped a one-out single off Roberto Novoa in the seventh. (AP)

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We Need a Hero

And Marvel Comics' Stan Lee is ready to provide one, sort of

DEBUT | Face front, true believers! Comic book legend Stan Lee has embraced his roots with his new reality show, "Who Wants To Be a Superhero?" (9 p.m., Sci Fi).

The show follows the normal reality-competition routine — 11 participants are put through a bunch of superhero-related challenges to root out the one big winner.

But here's what makes "Superhero" stand out from the glut of reality shows. Whereas other shows make the contestants do ridiculous things for your viewing pleasure, "Superhero" makes them wear gaudy costumes while doing so.



SCI FI

THEY BELIEVE THEY CAN FLY: And how wrong they are. The fanboys and -girls of the new Sci Fi series "Who Wants to Be a Superhero?" are deluded but amusing.

The characters are a colorful bunch, with heroes like Cell Phone Girl, Major Victory, Fat Momma and Monkey Woman. But their claim to being superheroes stops at their facemasks and capes. They (obviously) have no actual powers, unless you consider arguing to be one, and the challenges are as silly as the costumes. The first task has them weeding out the one traitor of the group, and the second task has them doing a heroic act, which is more in line with the work of mall security than of any type of heroic — let alone superheroic — being.

Some of the funniest parts of "Who Wants To Be a Superhero?" are the initial trials. Lee cycles through some ludicrous heroes with his usual panache — a campy grandpa in dark glasses who sits around judging; not a Simon Cowell, but rather cuddly.

But the novelty of seeing Lee in action isn't enough. This show takes the reality out of reality TV. While watching "The Amazing Race," you might actually think the contestants are on a race, but when you watch "Who Wants To Be a Superhero?" not once would anyone think that Iron Enforcer is, or ever will be, a superhero of any kind. He's just a guy with a big fake gun strapped to his arm, and once you realize that — it should happen in the first three minutes — the show becomes tedious.

It's nice to see a legend like Lee in action, but even he could only give this a half-hearted "Excelsior."

SCOTT ROSENBERG (EXPRESS)

Back in Tats For the Next Big 'Break'

MAKEUP | Wentworth Miller is bracing himself for more hours in the makeup chair to apply the intricate tattoo his "Prison Break" TV character wears.

The Fox drama returns on Aug. 21, with the convicts having escaped from prison and become the subjects of a nationwide manhunt, led by a ruthless FBI agent.



Miller

The upper-body tattoo featuring the prison's blueprints takes about four hours to apply.

"I have to admit I'm much less a fan of the tattoo than I was when we started," Miller told the Television Critics Association's annual meeting. "It is an arduous process, but it's such a cool special effect — I think [it's] the most ambitious faux tattoo ever attempted for TV or film." (AP)

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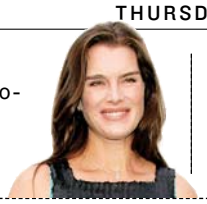
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OUR FAMOUS FRIENDS ARE HERE: We always knew the FX plastic-surgery melodrama "Nip/Tuck" was kind of cheesy, but this cinches it: Among the guest stars slated for this season are Larry Hagman, Rosie O'Donnell and Brooke Shields.



Television

ON TV TONIGHT

A VOICE MADE FOR RADIO

The Oscar-winning documentary **A NOTE OF TRIUMPH: THE GOLDEN AGE OF NORMAN CORWIN** (7 p.m., Cinemax) profiles "the poet laureate of radio drama." Cinemax will broadcast all four films nominated for Best Documentary Shorts over consecutive Thursday nights.

OH, WE DOUBT THAT

Hidden talents emerge on **MASTER OF CHAMPIONS** (8 p.m., ABC).

DEMON'S HANDSHAKE

HEX (10 p.m., BBC America) Thelma makes a deal with Azazeal.

CULT CHOICE

A corporate engineer discovers his missing son among stone-age tribesmen in John Boorman's 1985 adventure **THE EMERALD FOREST** (7:15 p.m., IFC).



SCI FI

IN A 'DARKPLACE': It is, indeed, a fine line between stupid and clever.

DID THAT HAPPEN?

The parody series **GARTH MARENGHI'S DARKPLACE** (10 p.m., Sci Fi). is an elaborate put-on, presenting itself as a look back at a quickly canceled British horror show from the 1980s. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Using His Noggin

'Screw-On Head' saves the day with endless imagination

DEBUT | If you thought "Hellboy" was a unique concept, just wait until you see the new adaptation of comic creator Mike Mignola's other hero: The Amazing Screw-On Head.

Set during Abraham Lincoln's presidency, "The Amazing Screw-On Head" (10:30 p.m., Sci Fi), is an adventure cartoon that touches on some of the same themes as "Hellboy" — demons, zombies, various magical and macabre creatures — but once you take a gander at the hero, you see the difference.



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SMILE! The Amazing Screw-On Head comes to the capital, flag not included.

To picture Screw-On Head, voiced by Paul Giamatti, you need only envision an android-type head built with 1860s technology. Instead of a neck, there is a screw. The head bounces around until its action time, whereupon he screws into one of a multitude of bodies, each built to suit different situations.

With the help of his sidekick, Mr Groin, Screw-On Head takes on the likes of Emperor Zombie (voiced by David Hyde Pierce), saving the day for Honest Abe.

The show, animated to reflect Mignola's moody, angular artwork, stands out as one of the most unusual and engrossing shows to hit television in a long time. SCOTT ROSENBERG (EXPRESS)

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	Comedy	★ "Drive Me Crazy" (1999, Comedy) Melissa Joan Hart, Adrian Grenier. CC				Daily Show	Colbert Report	Com.-Presents	Ron White: They Call Me Tater Salad CC			Live at Gotham (N) CC	
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	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	★★ "Painful Secrets" (2000, Drama) Sean Young, Kimberlee Peterson. CC				"A Job to Kill For" (2006, Suspense) Sean Young. CC				Will & Grace	Will & Grace
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	TBS	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends CC	Friends CC	★★★ "Something's Gotta Give" (2003) Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton. Premiere. CC					★★ Angel Eyes
	TLC	While You Were Out CC		What Not to Wear "Maria" CC		Take Home Chef	Take Home Chef	What Not to Wear "Lynn" CC		What Not to Wear "Elaine R." CC		Take Home Chef	Take Home Chef
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	MAX	Battlefield Earth	★★★ "Closer" (2004, Drama) Julia Roberts. 'R' CC			(:15) ★ "King's Ransom" (2005) Anthony Anderson. 'PG-13' CC				★★★ "Twister" (1996, Action) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton. 'PG-13' CC			
	SHOW	(:10) ★★★ "Crash" (2004, Drama) Sandra Bullock. iTV. 'R' CC				(:05) ★★ "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler. iTV. 'PG-13' CC				Sexual Healing		Brotherhood "Genesis 27:29" (iTV)	
	TMC	(:15) ★★★ "The Secret Lives of Dentists" (2002) Campbell Scott. 'R' CC				★★ "Payback" (1999, Action) Mel Gibson. 'R' CC		(:45) "Strike Force" (2004, Action) William Forsythe, Erika Eleniak. 'R' CC					Leather Jackets
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	ENCORE	(5:50) ★★★ "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts. 'R' CC				★★★ "Copycat" (1995, Suspense) Sigourney Weaver. 'R' CC				(:05) ★★★ "Hellboy" (2004, Fantasy) Ron Perlman. 'PG-13' CC			

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Travel

SoBe as Screen Star

'Miami Vice' helped revitalize the formerly dicey South Beach

South Beach was once a place where crime kept residents indoors at night. Forlorn hotels stood vacant, and an outdoor mall was reduced to a strip where bums slept.

Those were the days before "Miami Vice." The TV show's popularity from 1984 to 1989 coincided with the early days of the rebirth of Miami Beach's southern end. Today, South Beach is known for trendy nightclubs, brightly painted hotels packed with tourists, upscale fashion and expensive restaurants.

The "Miami Vice" movie, which opens July 28, is set in the present. But the film is bound to remind viewers that South Beach was very different when the original was on the air. Back then, as detectives Crockett and Tubbs zipped along Ocean Drive, the restoration of the Art Deco district had barely begun. Designers were just discovering the area, and a party scene was emerging.

"It felt like pioneer country," said Mark Soyka, who opened News Cafe on Ocean Drive in 1988. "We used to say we live in Casablanca — people think it's dangerous, but we know the way around."

In the 1940s and '50s, Miami Beach was a popular resort. Then, in the 1960s, it began attracting more retirees. Most eateries were delis. "It was a middle-class neighborhood," said M. Barron Stofik, author of "Saving South Beach."

But by the 1970s, things deteriorated. Tourist attractions elsewhere sapped Miami Beach's momentum, residents moved farther north, and South Beach began to founder.

Crime exploded in the Miami area in the early 1980s. Cocaine cowboys held shootouts in the streets; a crack epidemic fueled muggings and purse-snatchings.

Soyka, who moved here from New York in 1985, said the area looked "like the end of the world, with crack addicts hiding in the abandoned buildings. Business owners lived with that for so long they didn't realize the potential of these little buildings."

Those "little buildings" comprised the world's largest collection of Art Deco architecture, and in 1979, the area was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The recognition ensured that the buildings — with their porthole windows and stepped rooflines — would not be demolished. Preservationists rejoiced, and entrepreneurs began buying them with an eye toward restoration.

When the TV show "Miami Vice" began, designers turned empty storefronts into makeshift businesses and gussied up hotels. Elderly denizens of hotel verandas were temporarily replaced by scantily clad actors.

Television was helping to create a new image for South Beach. "The Miami that we saw sure wasn't where we lived," Stofik said. "It became this synergistic relationship where 'Miami Vice' was using architecture as a character, and millions were seeing this on television."

"It was a Bohemian Wild, Wild West. Something was happening," said Tara Solomon, a journalist who arrived in South Beach in 1987.

The show was filmed on location, drawing tourists to see Don Johnson and Philip Michael Thomas in their signature Ray-Bans.

By 1989, South Beach's rebirth was in full swing. The fashion industry was entrenched, and celebrities took a liking to the area. Restaurants and nightclubs were born, and Italian designer Gianni Versace arrived in 1991. He lived on South Beach until 1997, when he was fatally shot in front of his mansion. Ironically, the murder cemented the area's image as a haven for celebs and fashionistas.

Today, South Beach is a destination. Hotels and nightclubs abound. Lincoln Road Mall bustles with activity, and Ocean Drive is lined with cafes and bars just steps from the sand. And those restored Art Deco buildings? Today they are world-famous, instantly recognizable symbols of a place that's been reinvented. ADRIAN SAINZ (AP)



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MIAMI SWEETENED: Ocean Drive, once a druggie strip, now draws style mavens.



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Technology

Backing up files online is becoming cheaper and easier

Shalin Mody's computer held innumerable things he'd love to have forever: TV shows, games and more than 50 gigabytes of music. Normally, he would have panicked the day the PC failed.

Fortunately, the investment manager had come across Carbonite, a new service that backed up everything on his PC over the Internet and stored it remotely.

When he bought a new PC, Carbonite supplied it with his old files.

The first part of Mody's experience is common.

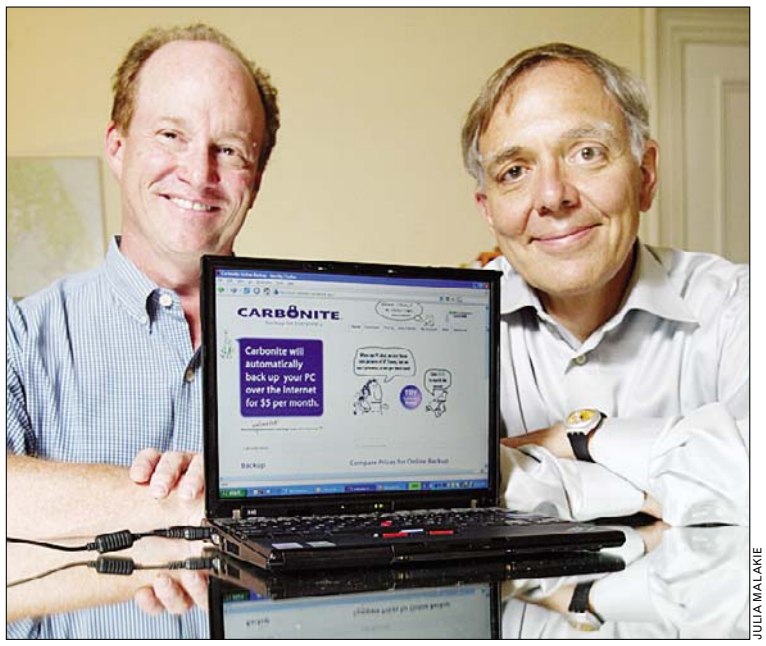
The solution to Mody's woes, however, is rarer. While backing up computer files is standard in big companies, for regular people it traditionally has been a cumbersome and expensive affair.

> "It's still a field that has to get the real attention of the consumers, because backup, in general, is not a very cool thing."
>
> RAGHU KULKARNI
> IBACKUP SPOKESPERSON

Due to cheap data storage and the proliferation of broadband Internet connections, Web-based services can provide the equivalent of a fireproof safe-deposit box for digital content.

Users can individually select which files or file types they want backed up. Or they can just have everything stored with Carbonite.

The choices for consumers are mushrooming.



JULIA MALAKIE

BACKUP BUSINESS: Carbonite co-founders Jeff Flowers, left, and David Friend.

IBM Corp. recently rolled out a $35-per-computer software package that automatically backs up a consumer's files to whatever sources happen to be available, including inexpensive "thumb" drives and online storage accounts offered by Internet providers.

Even with such products available, however, Peter Radsliff, executive director of consumer marketing for Seagate Technology LLC, notes that plenty of people still don't ensure their files are backed up.

"It's the old flossing-your-teeth thing," he said. "We all know we need to do it and it's very important, and yet there are the flossers of the world and the nonflossers of the world."

Of course, if a fire or flood destroys your house, what good is it to have backed up your data on something that was sitting right next to the PC?

That's why Seagate sells both hard drives and Web-based data services. Seagate offers a personal server that makes it easy to upload files, share them with others and recover them later.

Some services already offer such media-sharing possibilities, including iBackup.com from Pro Softnet Corp. and Xdrive.

IBackup launched in 1999 and now holds more than 150 terabytes of data for its customers, spokesman Raghu Kulkarni said.

150 terabytes would be roughly equal to 150 million books. Kulkarni suggests that amount of data is nothing compared with what would roll in if online backup really became widespread.

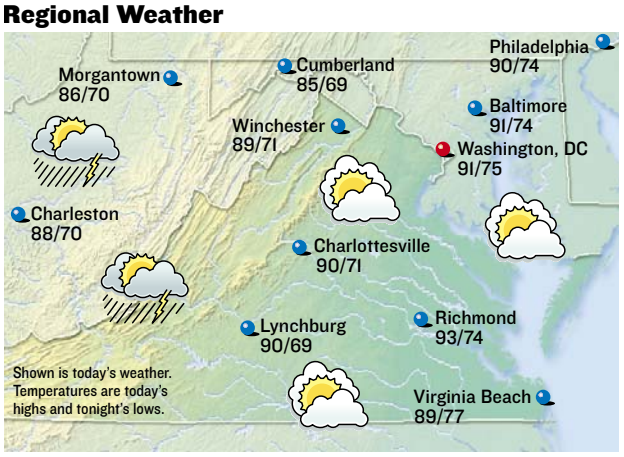
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BRIAN BERGSTEIN (AP)

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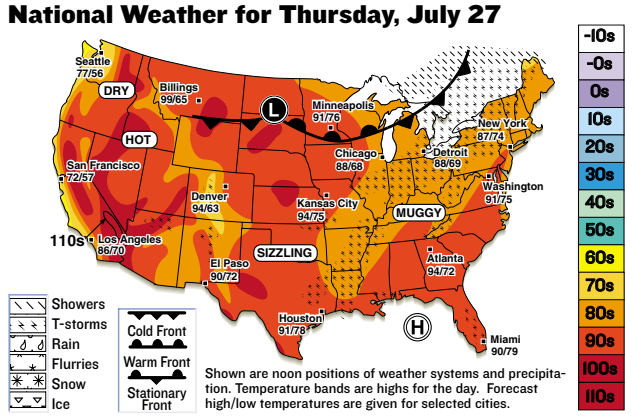
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National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	94/72/t	94/72/t
Boston	88/72/t	86/72/t
Chicago	88/68/t	92/71/pc
Dallas	98/77/pc	96/77/pc
Denver	94/63/t	97/64/pc
Honolulu	88/76/pc	89/78/sh
Los Angeles	86/70/pc	84/68/pc
Miami	90/79/pc	89/79/pc
New York City	87/74/t	87/76/t
Orlando	94/75/t	92/75/t
Seattle	77/56/pc	75/56/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	84/66/pc	79/63/pc
Athens	92/72/s	91/72/pc
Berlin	90/68/s	91/68/pc
Buenos Aires	59/43/pc	55/41/pc
Calgary	72/54/pc	77/52/pc
Dublin	70/59/pc	70/59/c
Geneva	94/68/t	76/52/pc
Moscow	62/44/c	58/41/pc
Rome	90/72/t	90/72/pc
Sydney	63/50/pc	63/52/s
Tokyo	86/73/pc	79/72/sh

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



UNIVERSAL

NO PASTELS, PLEASE: In the upcoming "Miami Vice" movie, starring Colin Farrell and Jamie Foxx, no one wears pink, no one wears gold chains, and we're pretty sure everyone keeps their socks on. Below, the $95,000 platinum watch worn by Crockett.

Miami Nice

Florida style goes beyond what you remember from TV

You can still find a lot of carefully trimmed scruffy faces. There are plenty of tight dresses — cleavage, too. And you are still going to pay a ton of money to look cool.

But even while holding on to many of the key looks of TV's "Miami Vice," those making the scene in Miami Beach look much more laid-back than their 1980s counterparts, style-watchers say.

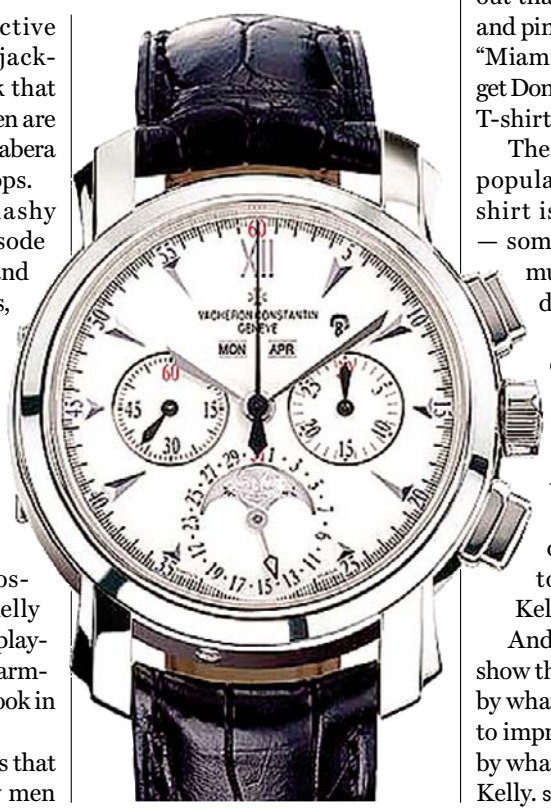
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"Tommy Hilfiger brought in a very casual, sport, urban collection, which seemed to dominate the theme," said Gerry Kelly, who has owned several Miami nightclubs.

A growing Latino population also has influenced what's hot: Instead of sporting Detective "Sonny" Crockett's white jackets and sockless loafers look that Don Johnson popularized, men are more likely to wear linen guayabera shirts or shorts with flip-flops.

And how about that flashy jewelry? Check out one episode of "Miami Vice" from 1984, and there's Philip Michael Thomas, who played Detective Ricardo Tubbs, wearing a gold medallion, prominently displayed with an open-collared shirt. That's something you're not going to see too much of today.

"Thank God we're losing the medallion look," Kelly said. (Though Colin Farrell, playing Crockett, does work the charm-on-a-leather-cord-necklace look in the new movie.)



But the gold Rolex watches that clutched the wrists of many men on the show, from the drug dealers to the detectives, were a watershed, said Robert Verdi, host of the Style Network's Fashion Police. "The Rolex ushered in that moment for guys and that sort of luxury."

Rolex, Vacheron and diamond-encrusted watches are hot accessories today. In the "Miami Vice" movie, Farrell wears a $95,000 platinum Vacheron Constantin.

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>
> GERRY KELLY
> MIAMI NIGHTCLUB OWNER

And dressing up isn't totally over. "The suit is very big here," Kelly said. "That's where, I think, a little bit of the 'Miami Vice' is coming back." Rapper 50 Cent wore an Armani suit to last year's MTV Video Music Awards in Miami Beach, and Miami's own Shaquille O'Neal is often spotted dressed in big-name designer suits.

"Feminine colors became acceptable for guys to wear," Verdi said of the '80s, pointing out that men wearing lime green and pink were seen as "sexy" in the "Miami Vice" days. Who can forget Don Johnson's colorful sleeveless T-shirts?

The men said one of the more popular accessories for that T-shirt is the five o'clock shadow — something they expect to see much more of after the movie debuts.

There's also another female style rule from the "Miami Vice" days that hasn't changed: If you're heading out for the night, show some skin. Better yet, show plenty of skin. "Women still love to show a lot of cleavage," Kelly said.

And for the Miami man? "Men show their fashion in South Beach by what they drink. He may dress to impress, but he'll impress more by what he puts on his table," said Kelly. SUZETTE LABOY (AP)

Beauty



Better Than Running

Want to run a marathon? No? We can't imagine why. Perhaps you'd rather soak in a tub made bubbly by Lush's **MARATHON BAR** ($5, Lush, 3066 M St. NW; 202-333-6950). The foamer is a nice change from the store's often too-sweet offerings. The scent is darker, with clove undertones, and won't overwhelm you with odor. The bar didn't quite dissolve all the way in our tub, leaving a lump that felt like wet sand, but it did turn the water a fun, bright orange without staining the inside of the tub. The piles of bubbles left skin nicely moisturized, so much so that we could shave without lotioning up afterward. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Ads



He Nailed It in the Swimsuit Competition

New mascots are everywhere! First Liz Hurley and a horse shill for Jordache; now Paco has been named the new **OLD NAVY** "spokesdog." Paco, who beat out five other finalists, is a shelter rescue owned by Olivia Wilde Ruspoli and Tao Ruspoli of Venice Beach, Calif. Paco will star in upcoming Old Navy advertising, replacing former spokesdog Magic. Paco is 2 years old and, according to oldnavy.com/magic, enjoys yoga. Which is amazing, considering most dogs can't figure out where the grass goes when it's dark outside. K.P.K.

Lookout Online

from readexpress.com

Readers Chime In on Miller

COMMUTING | In Wednesday's edition, Express asked what you thought about the new voice of Metro, Randi Miller. You wrote back in droves, and the opinions were as strong as they were plentiful.



Miller

According to reader Andrea Kotrosits, it's not Miller herself that's the problem, but the tone of her messages: "While I am sure Randi Miller is a great person, her voice sounds a bit mean and is a touch condescending."

Said reader J Saunders: "I think about this every time I take the Metro. The aggressive nature of the 'step back' message is annoying, nagging and irritating."

Many e-mailers touched on Metro drivers' repetition of the Miller recordings as part of the problem. "'Stand back' four times in 10 seconds is totally overdone and very annoying," reader Bob Geier said.

Said e-mailer Jim: "I don't understand why we need any announcements at all. Everyone already knows what to do; they don't need to be told."

But many e-mailers said the opposite — and defended the repetition of the Miller sound clips. "If the 'Stand back, doors closing' announcement was played only once at each stop, Metro morons — who never follow directions — would keep trying to cram on the train," said e-mailer Kate.

Priscilla Wallace wrote that Miller's voice is abrasive to the entire family: "My daughter was home from school last week and heard the announcement for the first time and feels as I do. We feel assaulted and insulted."

Said Pentagon City Drew, "[T]he Randi Miller recording has become so annoying because no one (except me) appears to listen to her. When I board a train, and I 'move to the center of the car' as instructed, the throng of riders crowding the area near the doors looks at me as if I'm crazy!"

Worry not, Miller fans — she has supporters. "As a daily rider of Metro for years, I welcome the message Randi sends," said e-mailer Diana M. Arnold. "Tourists need a jolt of Randi to get moving and get out of the way!"



BRAVO

PROJECT RUNWAY: Do you love Tim Gunn? Express' Arion Berger does.

→ Coming Up Today

Express' Arion Berger will recap all of the antics from Wednesday's "Project Runway" and give the top 10 reasons she loves the Bravo show's design mentor Tim Gunn.

Poll Center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Should the U.S. demand an immediate Mideast cease-fire?

1. Yes
2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Has Israel gone too far in its operation in Lebanon?

YES 71% | NO 29%

As of 6 p.m. Wednesday. Not a scientific poll

GIVE YOUR OPINION ON TODAY'S POLL QUESTION AND GET A STATION-BY-STATION BREAKDOWN OF HOW YOUR FELLOW METRORAIL COMMUTERS VOTED AT READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP

THE Blog LOG

"Lance Bass is gay? I would never have guessed. This is blogworthy, but I don't think it is CNN worthy. ... [I]sn't there a war going on ... ?"

MALNURTUREDSNAY.NET ISN'T REALLY INTERESTED THAT LANCE BASS CAME OUT OF THE CLOSET.

Best Strategy?

"The Bush administration has assumed that allowing Israel to bomb haphazardly all over Lebanon in failing a effort to destroy Hezbollah is somehow in our interest. It is not. Securing our credibility in the Middle East ... is in our interest.

THREEWISEMEN.BLOGSPOT.COM DOESN'T AGREE WITH THE WHITE HOUSE'S STANCE ON ISRAEL'S LEBANON OFFENSIVE.

Housing Headaches

"My leasing office has officially and successfully taken away my will to live. They've been at this for some time, but it has finally happened. And I bet they're sitting over in their shabby office toiling away with other ways to make me absolutely miserable."

HEATHERBARMORE.BLOGSPOT.COM



DENIS POROY/AP

Dear Car Thief ...

"My car has been broken into at least 4 times this month alone. ... You may have noticed this when you saw the big gaping hole in my dash where my stereo used to be. So, unless you're really hard up for a tire gauge, which I will gladly give you, please leave my car alone."

ROCKCREEKRAMBLER.COM, A D.C. RESIDENT, PENS AN OPEN NOTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE BROKEN INTO HIS CAR.

A Buyer's Market Coming?

"It is now looking like the national trend is started to come here to D.C. Again, it's about damned time. ... Hope you used a 30-year conventional instead of the interest-only products. Otherwise, you may be screwed. Looks like next summer is going to be a buyer's market. I can't wait."

TCTHETERRIBLE.COM/BLOG IS CONTENT THAT HOME SALES IN THE D.C. AREA ARE GOING DOWN AND LOOKS FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR.

DO | **LEARN FROM THE MISTAKES OF OTHERS.** Over at the Naval Safety Center, there are photos updated weekly showing mishaps out in the field, like when there aren't any spotters available and when "big, olive-green" piece of machinery accidentally crushes a gray minivan. More fun at safetycenter.navy.mil.

Live Online

Out of Beirut

ANTHONY BOURDAIN, chef, author and host of the Travel Channel's "No Reservations," was online Wednesday to discuss his evacuation from Beirut while filming his TV show.

Can you describe what you were doing at the time when the first attacks started? How far away were you from your hotel?



I watched the airport being bombed about a mile from my hotel. I watched the second missile strikes at the airport fuel depot. My crew and I were all assembled in my room emptying my minibar, nervously trying to keep a stiff upper lip, trying to follow the example of our Beirut-y contacts and friends who were still maintaining some false bravado.

Do you think anything you filmed in Lebanon will make it onto the show?

We're trying to figure some way to show how beautiful and hopeful Beirut was before the bombing, how terrible a thing it is that happened, what we've lost, the pride and hopefulness and optimism that was smashed, the surprising tenderness and sensitivity of the Marines who evacuated us. We're struggling with a way to tell that story without it being about me or about us. It will not be a regular episode of "No Reservations."

I know your time there was brief but can you recount for us your best meal in Lebanon?

A little neighborhood place called Le Chef. Typical Lebanese staples: hummus, kibbe, stewed lamb and arak. Everyday food.

So how was the food on the USS Nashville? I've always heard that U.S. Navy food is pretty good.

There are times in one's life when tuna noodle casserole and macaroni and cheese speak directly to the heart.

Do you think being in a war zone changed you?

Yes. And in ways I don't yet understand. I'm sure it's changed my worldview, probably not for the better.

NATIONAL SECURITY: Post staff writer Dana Priest discusses developments in national security and intelligence today at 12:30 | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline.**

Look out

Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*

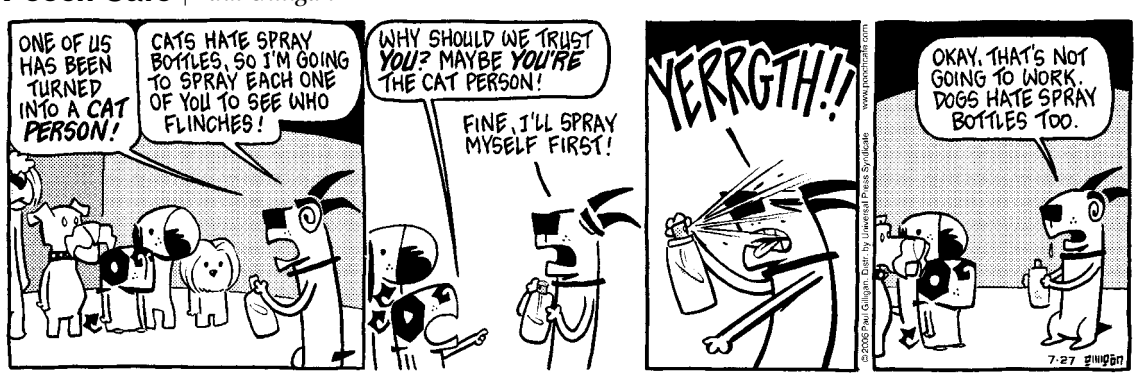


Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

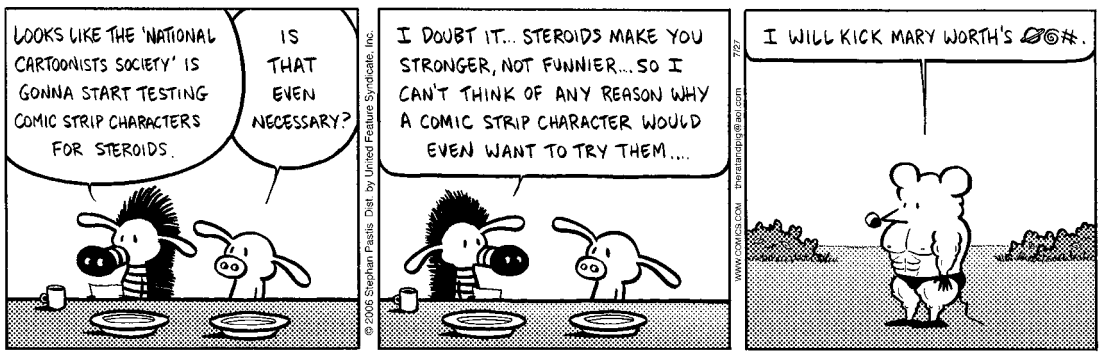


"Hiring someone to replace me and then expecting me to train him just doesn't sit well with me."

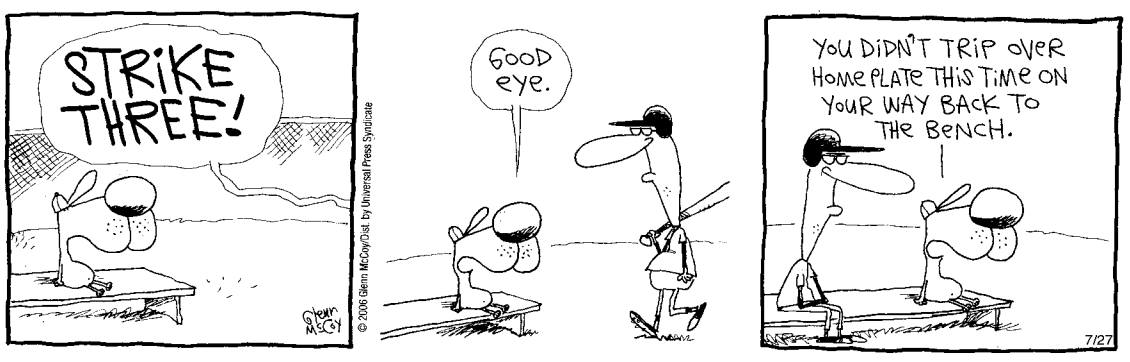
Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do things just as you had planned, according to proven methods, and you'll enjoy a profitable, productive day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There's no need for you to reinvent the wheel. Follow the guidelines you've established for yourself, and don't stray from the path.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can't expect yourself to have all the answers — nor can you expect anyone else to provide all the information you need. Work together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may find yourself in some distress after receiving news that doesn't directly concern you. Worries increase, however.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Pay close attention to details. The truth is, someone may be trying to take advantage of your usual trust and goodwill.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A challenge is revealed that could prove threatening if you're not willing to face it directly — and immediately.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your own point of view may differ dramatically from that of those around you — which is more common and accepted than your own.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) How you see things is sure to depend upon a few variables that you have not yet seriously considered. See a new side of things.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't let your usual self-control abandon you at the wrong time. Avoid any kind of overindulgence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep career matters and domestic matters as separate as possible — though each will be on your mind without respite.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may have to rehearse what you've planned with great care and diligence. You don't want to say the wrong thing at the wrong time, do you?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone may bring up something that changes your point of view ever so slightly, and has you thinking that you may be wrong.

Letters

More to United Than Adu

ELIZABETH ORBISON'S LETTER from July 20, "Too Much Ado About Adu," is completely correct. It is very sad that I live in an area that only cares about the youngest player and not the whole team. D.C. United is very talented, and the seven players who were named to the All-Star Team should all be congratulated for their amazing skills and talents. Lest we forget: D.C. has the most All-Star players of any club in MLS and our head coach is the All-Star coach. Where are his kudos?

—MEGAN WILHELM
Falls Church, Va.

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Today in History

1789 Congress established the Department of Foreign Affairs, the forerunner of the Department of State.

1960 Vice President Nixon was nominated for president at the Republican National Convention in Chicago.

1976 Air Force veteran Ray Brennan became the first person to die of so-called "Legionnaires' disease" following an American Legion convention in Philadelphia.

2001 A judge in West Palm Beach, Fla., sentenced 14-year-old Nathaniel Brazill to 28 years in prison for fatally shooting teacher Barry Grunow at Lake Worth Middle School.

2003 Bob Hope died in California at age 100.


AP PHOTO

Today in 2003, comedian Bob Hope died in Toluca Lake, Calif., at age 100.

Look out | People



MISHA JAPARIDZE/AP

Lance, you heartbreaker of teen girls!

THE TRUTH

Girls Who Mailed You Their Bras Are Now Embarrassed

LANCE BASS of 'N Sync says he's gay and in a stable relationship with reality-show star Reichen Lehmkuhl. Bass tells People magazine that he didn't disclose his sexuality earlier because he didn't want to affect the band's popularity. "I knew that if I ever acted on it or even said it, it would overpower everything," he said. (AP)

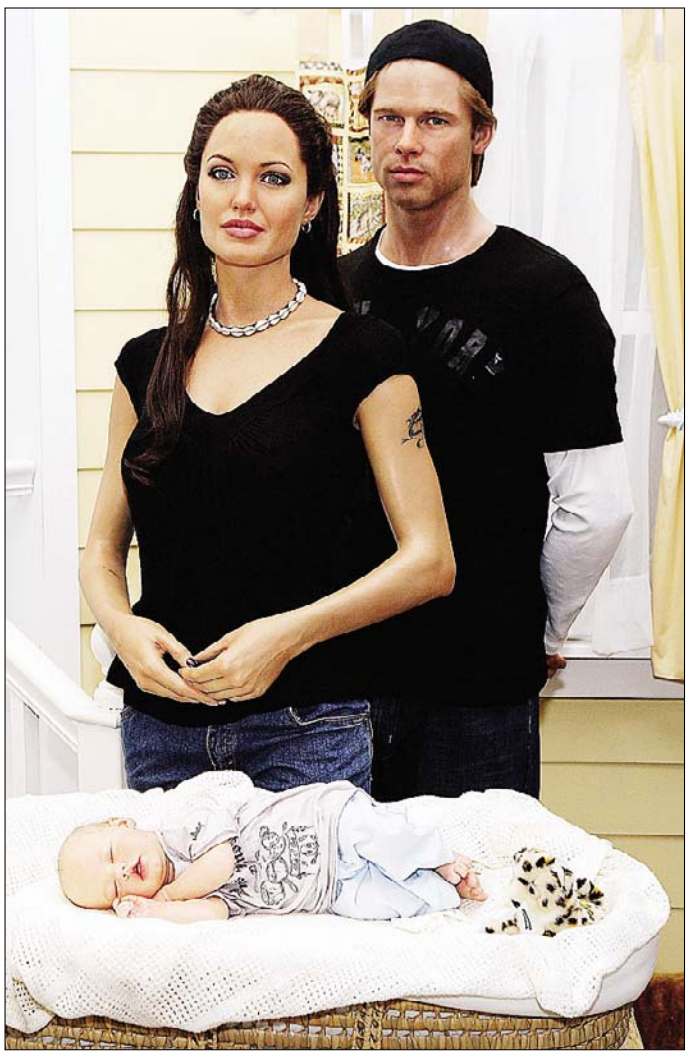
PUZZLING

Quick, Get This Artist A MacArthur Genius Grant!

As noted today on Wonkette.com, a bust of **HILLARY CLINTON** will be



unveiled at New York's Museum of Sex on Aug. 9. "The Presidential Bust of Hillary Rodham Clinton: The First Woman President of the United States of America" is created by Daniel Edwards, the artist also behind a life-sized statue of a nude, pregnant Britney Spears in labor on a bearskin rug. (EXPRESS)

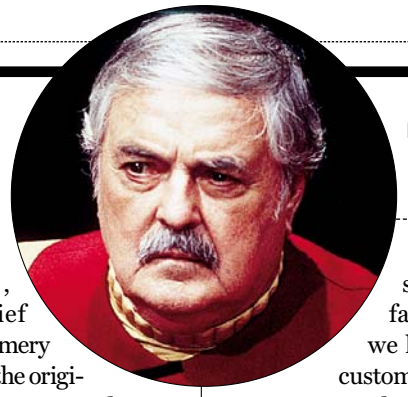


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ANGEL CREATURE

We Are Unworthy

Not only is **SHILOH NOUVEL JOLIE-PITT** the youngest person to be honored with an effigy at Madam Tussaud's in London, but she's the first whose figure isn't made of wax. Baby Shiloh is entirely made of silicone, the museum said. Shiloh, who was born in Namibia, will lie sleeping in an African-themed nursery. She'll be watched over by wax figures of **BRAD PITT** and **ANGELINA JOLIE**. (EXPRESS)



His ashes will go where no man has ... never mind.

COMMERCIAL

Here's a New Euphemism For 'Dead': 'Customer'

JAMES DOOHAN, who played chief engineer Montgomery "Scotty" Scott in the original "Star Trek" TV series and several movies, will have a few grams of his ashes blasted 70 miles into space this fall from southern New Mexico. Space Services Inc. plans to have the ashes of 100 others aboard the Oct. 21 "memorial spaceflight." "So far on that flight we have about 100 customers. But if I gave you a good guess, I'd expect it will be well over 100," Space Services spokeswoman Susan Schonfeld said Tuesday. "Everybody wants to be on the same rocket as James Doohan. He was so beloved." (AP)

REVENGE

California Eating Its Young

LINDSAY LOHAN was overcome by the heat during filming of "Georgia Rule" and required treatment at a Los Angeles area hospital, said "The Insider." Lohan, 20, was taken by private car to the hospital, where she spent several hours. She was



given a vitamin B-12 shot and will return to the set tomorrow. Her publicist, Leslie Sloan Zelnick, said Lohan was filming in 105-degree weather for 12 hours yesterday. (AP)

NOSTALGIA

Evoke a Time When Everyone Chain-Smoked

The black gown **AUDREY HEPBURN** wore in the 1961's "Breakfast at Tiffany's" will be auctioned for charity later this year. In the opening scenes of the movie, Holly Golightly is wearing the gown as she emerges from a taxi to ogle diamonds in the storefront windows of Tiffany & Co. The gown, designed by Hubert de Givenchy, is expected to fetch $130,000 at the Dec. 5 auction, Christie's said Wednesday. Proceeds will benefit City of Joy Aid, a charity that provides relief to impoverished children in India. (AP)



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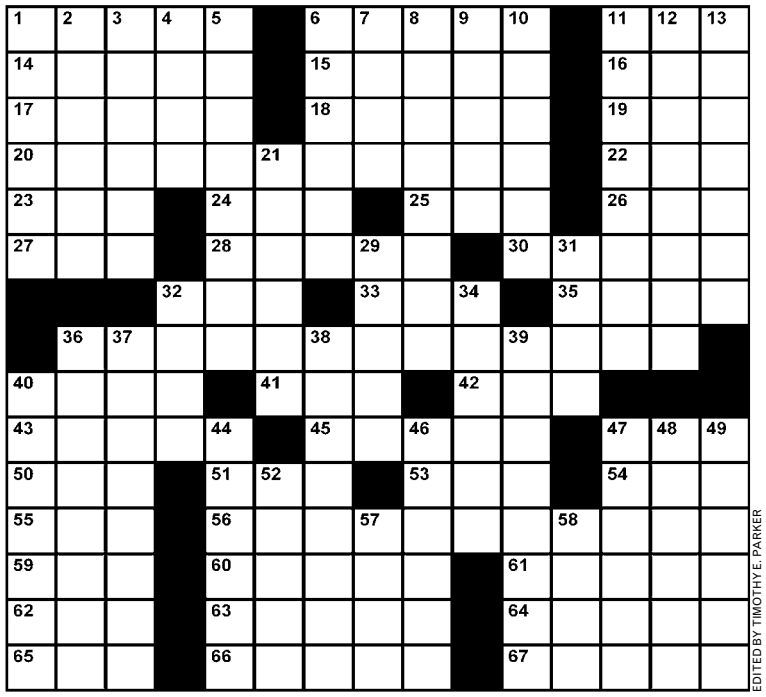
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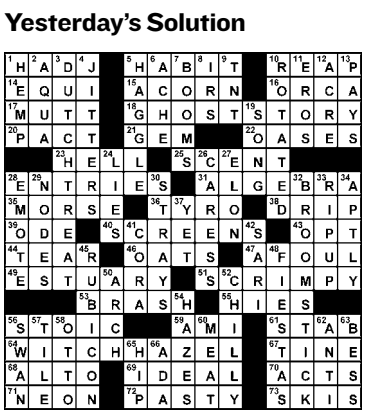


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11 Gasps of delight
14 Ill-fated vessel Andrea ___
15 Crunchy snacks
16 Like sashimi
17 Elizabeth's love
18 Nuts and bolts
19 Before, in poems
20 Navy, for one
22 Mary Todd's love
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25 Alarm or art add-on
26 Space-saving bed
27 Wood tool
28 City on the Allegheny
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65 "___ Miserables"
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67 Bamboo unit

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3 Artificial
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9 Yoga position
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11 Certain numerical prefix
12 One hiding fugitives, e.g.
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21 Tin Man's accessory
29 Good ___ (repaired)
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47 Jelly used for fuel
48 Officially leave bachelorhood
49 Sunday newspaper feature
52 Father-and-son actors
57 Main cathedral area
58 Jacob's wife

Yesterday's Solution



Su|do|ku

Degree of Difficulty: HARD

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Need more Su|do|ku?
Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section every Monday through Saturday.

Yesterday's Solution

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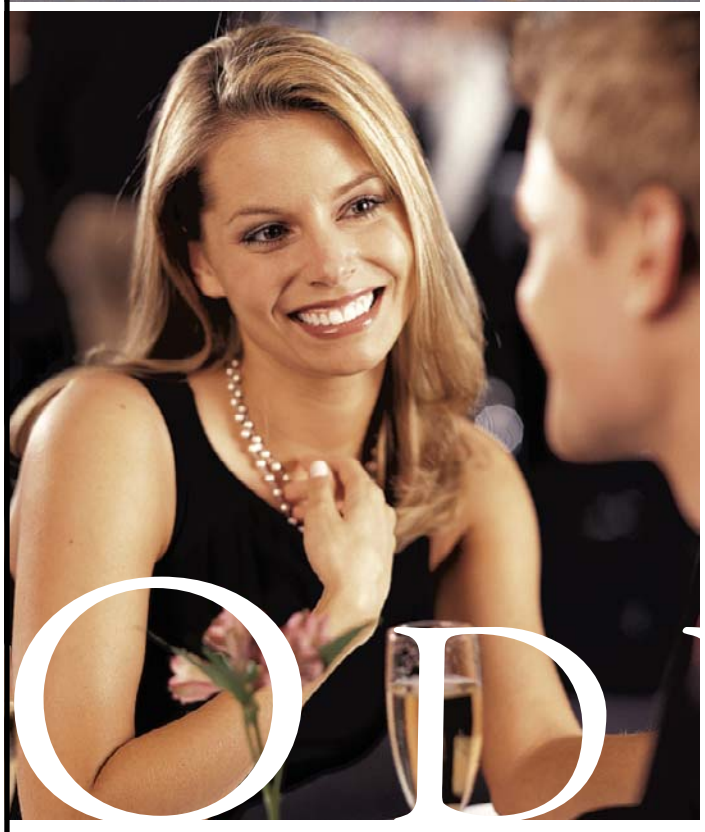
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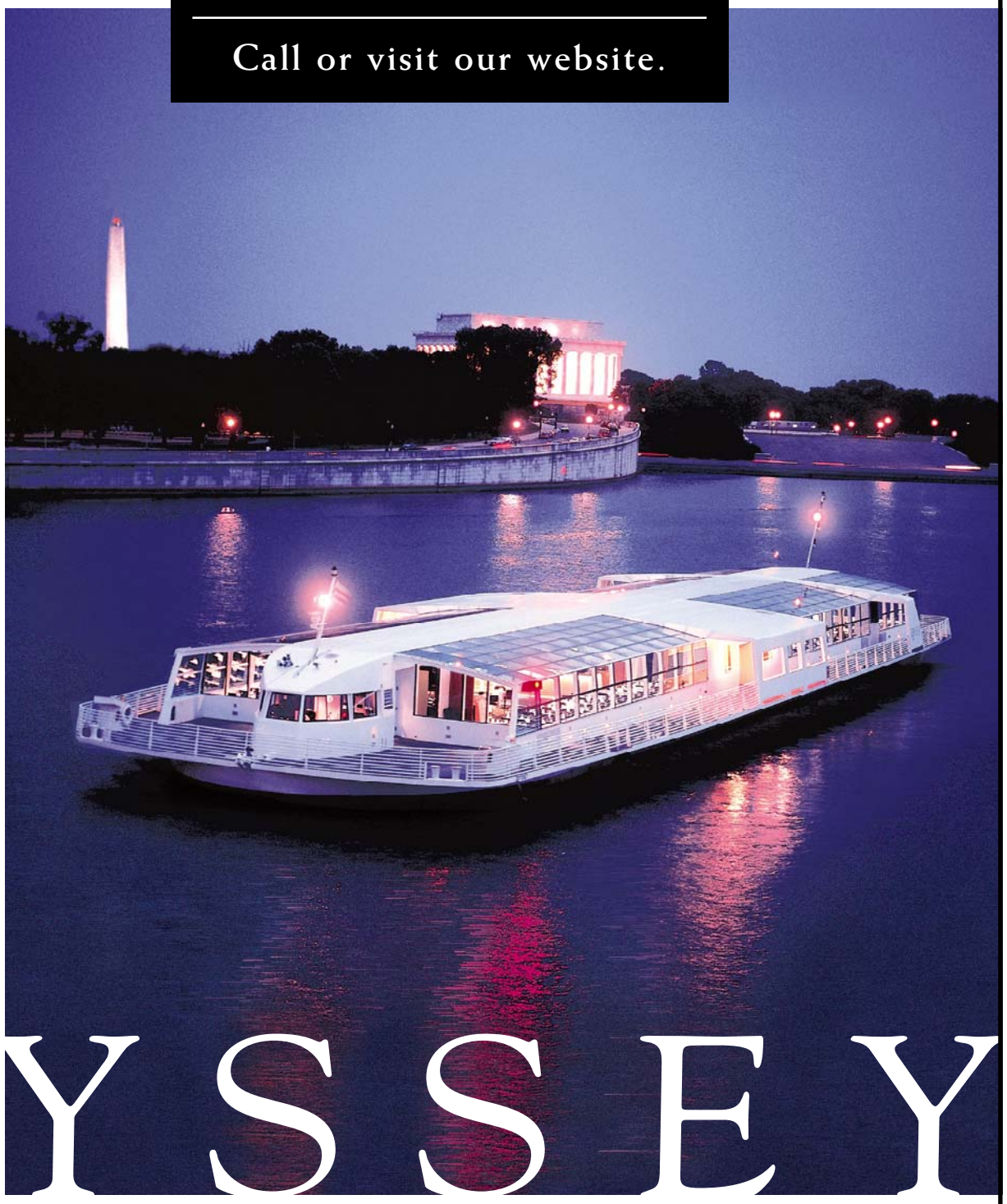
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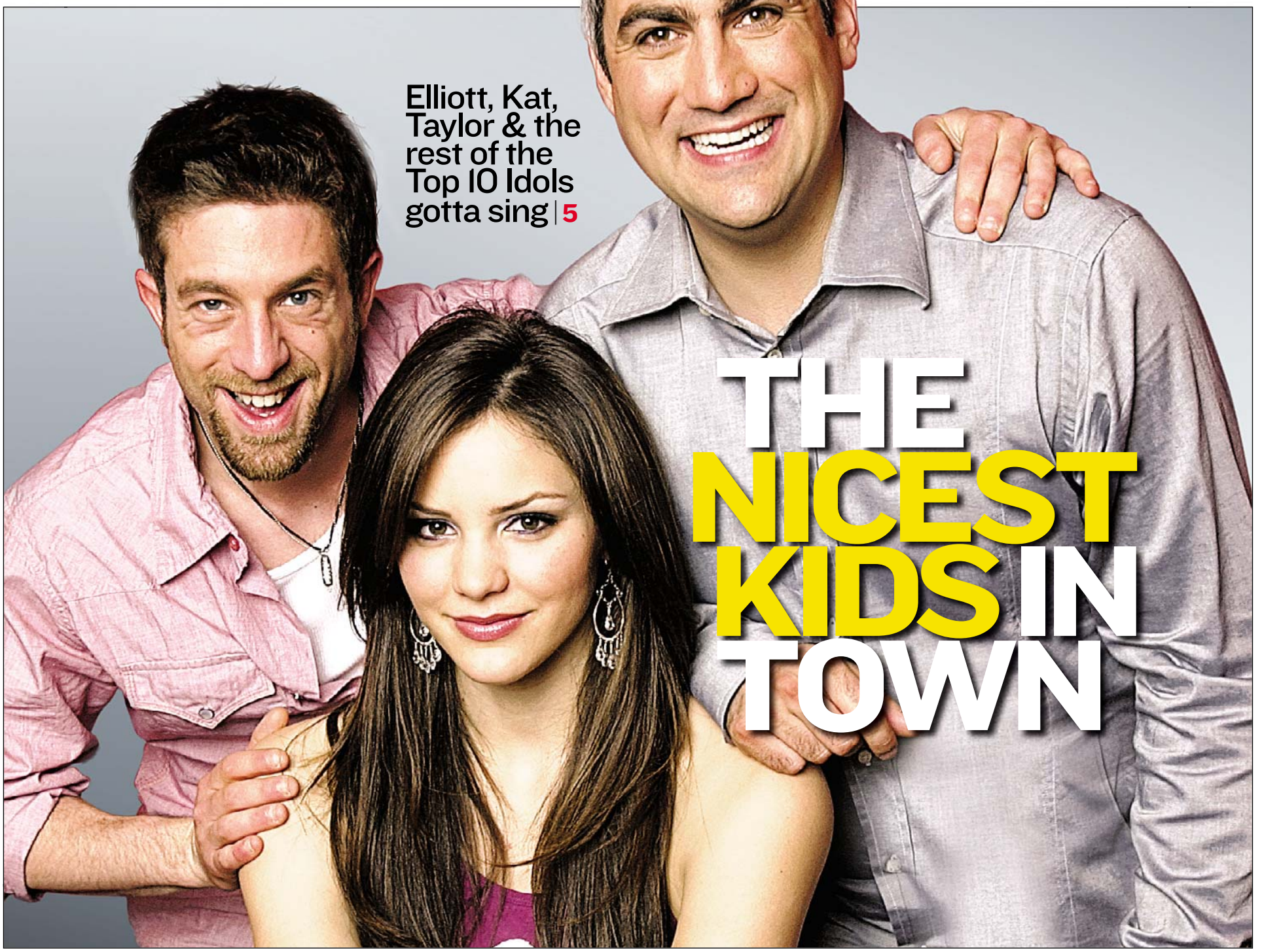
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NAME: Austin Tichenor
GIG: 33 1/3% of the Reduced Shakespeare Company

AFTER RECEIVING his MFA in directing from Boston University, Austin Tichenor decided to go the serious route. That is, until his old college buddy and partner in ingenuity, Reed Martin, asked him to fill in as Hamlet in a London production. Weighing his options for almost an entire minute, Tichenor thought, "Hey, why not?" and, after the duo recruited Dominic Conti, the Reduced Shakespeare Company minimalized happily ever after.

Why "reduce" Shakespeare?
Tom Stoppard had written his "Dogg's Hamlet." In response, we did a 20-minute "Romeo and Juliet." That evolved into, "Let's do our own 'Hamlet,' and after that, it just became a thing, like, "What else can we reduce?"

And you thought, "American history," of course.
In danger of being a one-trick pony, we decided we needed a second trick. The Shakespeare stuff had made us pretty well-known in England; we wanted to write something that would be more resonant here in the U.S. So, we wrote the "The Complete History of America (abridged)."

What subjects do you dissect?
We started writing "America" in '92 around the Clinton era, and it covers everything from the big bang to the big bang — Monica Lewinsky, that is.

Has it been updated?
Oh, yeah. They keep writing American history, so we have to keep reducing it.

What about today's Republican-heavy administration?


MEGHAN MOORE

ALTERNATIVE HISTORY: Tichenor, center, plays fast and loose with America's past.

The people who hear the Bush jokes don't hear the Clinton jokes — they always think there should be more. But we make fun of whoever is or was in charge at the time, and if the Republicans are unhappy with being made fun of, there are plenty of other people who'd like to be in charge.

Did "The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged)" offend many people?
Only the people that you would naturally offend, that don't believe in a God with a sense of humor. All of our shows are celebrations of what they are talking about. ... There's always somebody that's going to be upset about something.

Guess they weren't students.
Well, in America, it's like we're doing a public service — yes, please cover all of American history in two hours. Please do "War and Peace" in 20 minutes and make me understand that book.

And abroad?

"They keep writing American history, so we have to keep reducing it."

We're playing on international stereotypes of Americans. They think that's really the way we digest all the great books.

So, should we brush up on our history and literature before the show?
We haven't read all the great books.

Yes, you have.
OK, we've heard of all of them. But if you come see our show, you'll never have to read another book again.
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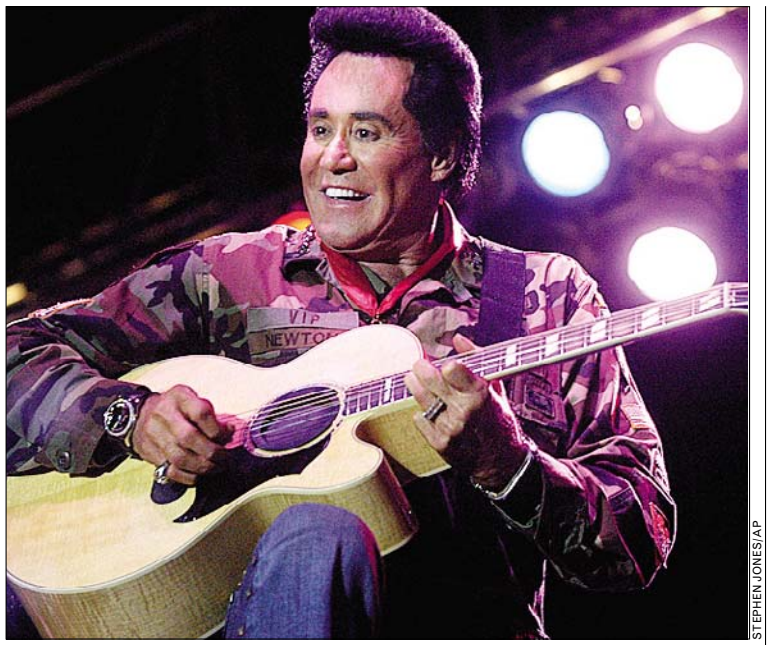
Wayne Newton brings a little Vegas to the Birchmere

MUSIC | The Birchmere prides itself in being a career catalyst. On any given night, its Web site boasts, a star may be born.

And Sunday night the music hall takes a chance on another unknown kid ... Wayne Newton?

It's true: Mr. Vegas himself has traded the Entertainment Capital of the World for a life on the road, and is making a stop at the Birchmere.

Sure, we like to tease the guy: He's the ultimate in Vegas cheese; he makes Tom Jones look artsy. But his career has spanned decades, and he can still pack Vegas lounges most nights each week.



STEPHEN JONES/AP

NO, DANKE SCHOEN TO YOU: Newton has personified Las Vegas for decades; now he's spreading a warm velvet coat of entertainment over the Washington area.

He's also lent his mug to the big and small screens, most recently in the form of the reality show "The Entertainer," in which 10 lounge-act wannabes competed to be the next Vegas headliner. (The slogan: "The party is over.")

Maybe you're a closet fan, maybe you're a proud one or maybe you just want to experience the inherent cognitive dissonance of seeing Wayne Newton perform at the Birchmere. It may be too hot for that velvet jacket, though.

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FAME! I'M GONNA LIVE FOREVER: Admit it — you forgot all about some of these "American Idol" contestants, didn't you?

Golden Idols



FOX TELEVISION

WHOO! Taylor Hicks, now 29, won the Fox competition with a mix of talent, charm and eccentricity.

The top 10 pop stars are the very models of modern celebrity

MUSIC | It's all-singing! All-dancing! It's pretty cheesy! Up with people and down with the frownies, here comes this year's American Idols Live tour, coming to the Verizon Center on Friday, the inevitable climax — or is it dénouement? — of yet another season of the Fox Television reality-competition juggernaut. As show host and human mannequin Ryan Seacrest always says, if you don't vote, you can't control the fate of your favorites.

In other words: America, you get the Idols you deserve.

And that's all right, for once. The show is maturing quickly — it just put paid to a fifth season on the air, and the powers that be who control the thing are fast learners. In that time, it's gone from being a silly, upscale version of "Star Search" — although, ironically, the first season spawned possibly the series' only genuine mainstream product, Kelly Clarkson — to being a slicked-up train wreck of talent, emotion and meta-manipulation from which America is not only unable to turn away, but which attracts more viewers every season.

America, you get the Idols you deserve. And that's all right, for once.

But whether because of the big numbers or despite them, the show gets more interesting, more quirky and more downright idiosyncratic every year. This season, in particular, was stuffed with oddity. Among the top 10 contestants alone — and this is the crew who will be coming to town to cheer you the hell up this weekend — were a shaved-headed modern-rock dude; a tree-frog-looking creature with the voice of an angel; an underage Broadway baby who time-traveled here from the 1940s and, of course, winner Taylor Hicks, a silver fox in his late 20s who danced like a spaz and whose references were grounded in 1970s soulful rock.

The usual suspects also made an appearance — can't alienate all of the viewing audience all of the time. There was the moon-eyed boy-band hottie; the country guy; the cheery, brain-free farm girl; the big black chick with the massive voice.

Fans know them as Kellie and Ace and Paris and Mandisa and Chris — all reality is personal. But "Idol" co-creator Simon Cowell knows that with the show and the tour, he's made much more than singers of these hungry kids. They're not pop stars but the very models of modern vague celebrity. And that's why the show and subsequent tours are here to stay, whether or not the kids keep a grip on their fame.

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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Rehanging the 'Horn

John Baldessari digs for hidden treasure at the Hirshhorn

MUSEUMS | In its rotating series of "Gyroscope" shows, the Hirshhorn surprised even habitual visitors with inspired installations of sometimes unfamiliar pieces from the museum's storage vaults.

"Ways of Seeing: John Baldessari Explores the Collection" can be seen as an extension of that idea — with a marquee name out front. For decades a driving force behind new developments in conceptual and post-conceptual art, Baldessari is both art star and art teacher.

As a leader of the post-studio art program at the California Institute of the Arts — better known as CalArts — in the 1970s, he encouraged students to break free of the cells in which they'd sequestered themselves and start recombining elements of the culture at large.



COURTESY HIRSHHORN

LOOKING AT ART: Artist Baldessari chose Milton Avery's 1948 work "The Wave" as one of the Hirshhorn's overlooked gems.

So committed was Baldessari to the call for "No More Boring Art" that he had years' worth of his own pre-conceptual paintings cremated and turned into a wry memorial to the old ways of thinking.

For "Ways of Seeing," Baldessari studied catalogs of the Hirshhorn's holdings, turning up some pieces even curators didn't know they had. Emily Kaufman's 1975 epoxy-and-fiberglass sculpture "Girl on a Fainting Couch" is an oddball piece of neo-Victoriana that sits nicely alongside more standard surrealist fare such as Magritte's "Delusions of Grandeur II" and Man Ray's azure baguette "Blue Bred."

Some of Baldessari's groupings are art-historical, some are material (wax is the link between Medardo Rosso, Bruce Nauman and Joseph Beuys) and some are formal (impenetrable darkness ties Anish Kapoor to Ad Reinhardt and Thomas Eakins) — but viewers are generally left to pick out their own connections.

"Broadly, I think there should be as little didactic material as possible. I think viewers are intelligent. You shouldn't insult them," Baldessari said. "No text in advance of need."

Which isn't to say that Baldessari doesn't communicate his own ideas via his selections. He simply prefers a subtler approach: "I never lecture, I just suggest." GLENN DIXON

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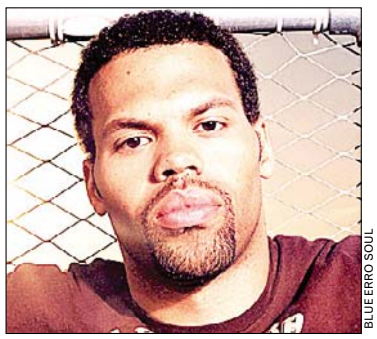
D.C.'s Best-Kept Secret

Eric Roberson is cruising under the radar, just as he likes

MUSIC | Eric Roberson's appearance at the 9:30 Club this Saturday will be almost like a homecoming.

Though New Jersey-born, the singer-songwriter attended Howard University a decade ago, where he burnished his art as a music and theater major. He remembers sitting outside the Fine Arts building with schoolmates Rich Harrison, the producer, and singers Sy Smith and Yazarah just making music.

He even attended grad school of sorts — the informal sort. Roberson moved to Philadelphia, where he linked up with DJ Jazzy Jeff and the A Touch of Jazz production crew. Since then, Roberson has transformed himself from a gift-



BLUE ERRO SOUL

The singer-songwriter and Howard U grad is back for some hometown love.

ed R&B songwriter for the likes of Vivian Green, Musiq and Jill Scott to a commanding singer in his own right. His charisma is apparent on his recent "Erro: Live — Vol. D.C.," a CD-and-DVD set that shows him delivering fine performances at local venues.

Known for romantic lyrics and memorable melodies, Roberson has comfortably remained slightly under radar. "I don't think that I'm built for a major label, because I write what's in my heart," he said. "I'm not good at writing about what's hot at the moment; I just won't be the same energy toward that."

In addition to tweaking his forthcoming disc, "Left," Roberson is working with Musiq and Green on their own respective new material. And though he's come a long way since his Howard days, he still holds D.C. dear to his heart.

"D.C. has one of the best R&B scenes in the country," he said. "The city just needs someone committed to staying in the city after they've gained success." The door's open, Eric. JOHN MURPH

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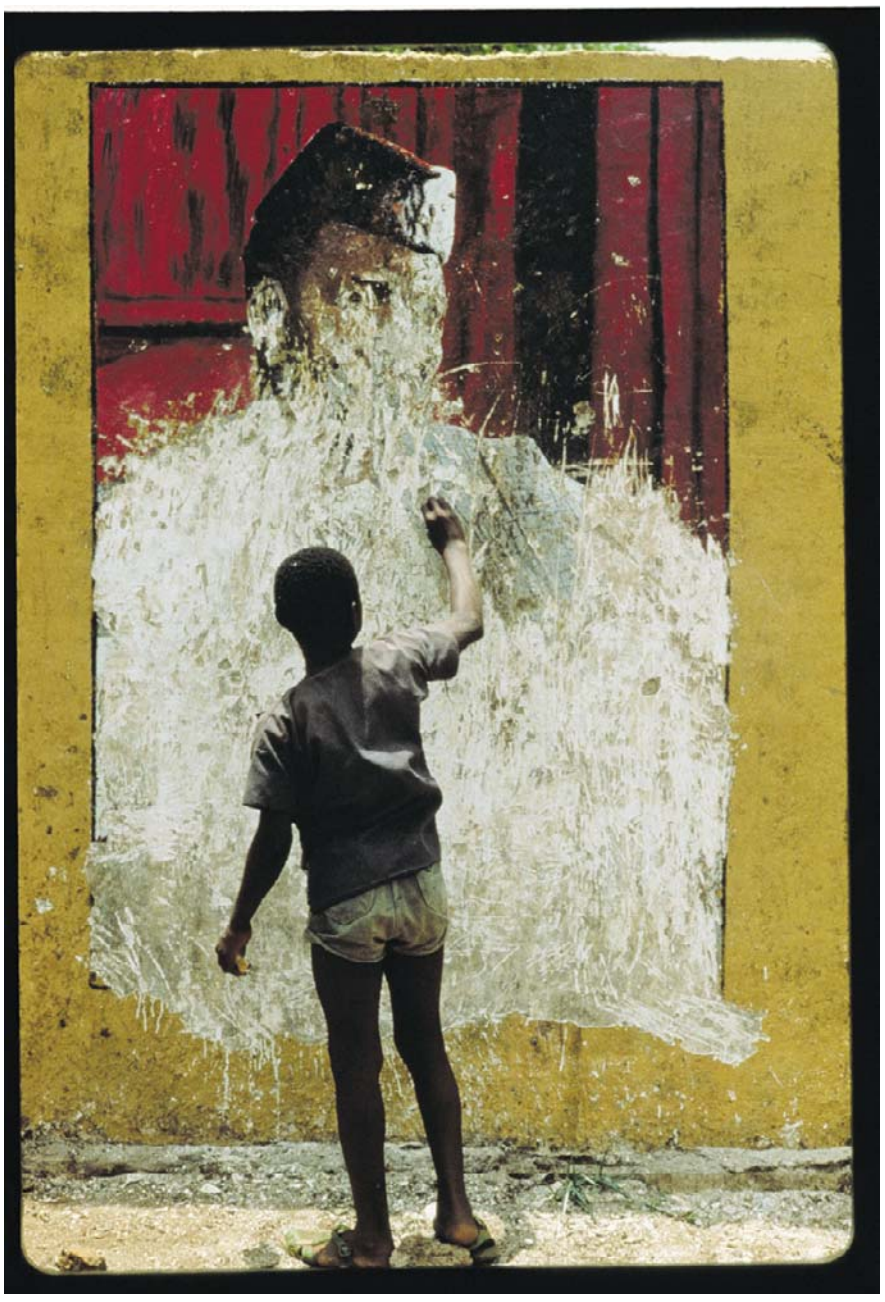
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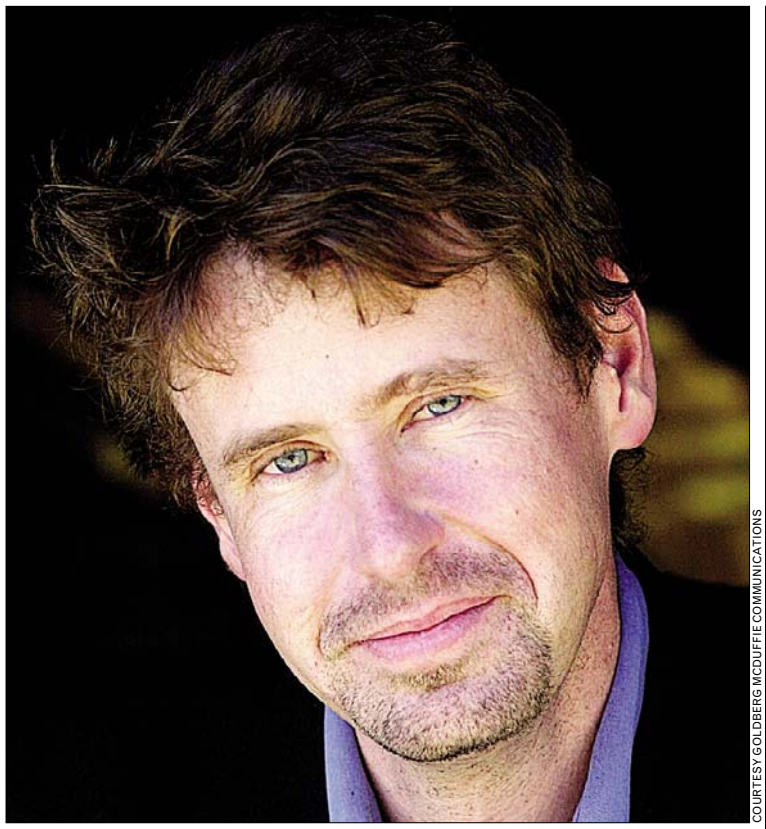
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Diamonds' Dirty Past

Tom Zoellner knows the bloody secrets behind the sparkle

PAGES | One day Tom Zoellner had a fiancée; the next he was left with a broken heart and a diamond ring. The enterprising reporter and author, who writes for Men's Health and The San Francisco Chronicle and who co-authored the autobiography of Rwandan hotel manager Paul Rusesabagina, took a close look at the glittering symbol of love and fell down an unsavory rabbit hole of greed, blood and secrecy. The result is "The Heartless Stone: A Journey Through the World of Diamonds, Deceit and Desire," which explores the diamond industry from mining to sales, from chemistry to military might, from London to Africa to the Arctic Circle. He will read from and discuss the book on Thursday at Politics & Prose; in the meantime, he spoke with Express about his enlightening research.



COURTESY GOLDBERG MCDUFFIE COMMUNICATIONS

GLITTER ROCKS: Zoellner wanted to know where his fiancee's ring came from.

What drove you to write the book?
The best analogy is probably "Fast Food Nation." The diamond is a fairly common object in American society, but the mythology of the diamond stands in stark contrast to what diamonds actually are, and there's often a dismal backstory to these.

A legacy of child labor in the diamond business lives on in India. ... A lot of the diamond miners, particularly in Africa, live very hardscrabble lives and they're getting enormously ripped off. Also, in some of the African nations, there are regions in which the rule of law is, you know, a rumor, and finding a diamond if you're a miner can be quite dangerous.

Everyone vaguely knows that diamond mining is dangerous and exploitative, but we don't know exactly how. Can you tell us?
I don't want to paint too singular a picture — diamonds are mined in all kinds of circumstances from the highly regulated and highly ethical down to the horrible, bloody way they're mined in unstable African nations. They can be military targets; they can be great ways to finance an uprising. Diamonds can be mined by children with rifles on their backs. These are the same items that can wind up in the American retail market under the glass.

But we don't have the real story on any product, really.
That's correct. It's true of almost every consumer product. It's not as if we can have psychic powers and know where the gas in our tank came from, where the clothes we're wearing were made. But almost no consumer product is romanticized as thoroughly and as ... ridiculously, almost, as diamonds are.

Do you see things changing?
Well, because there's simply no better way to pour a lot of money into a small space, diamonds have always been excellent tools for all kinds of criminal enterprises. The industry needs to do more.

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

➜ *Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Thu., 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Van Ness-UDC)*

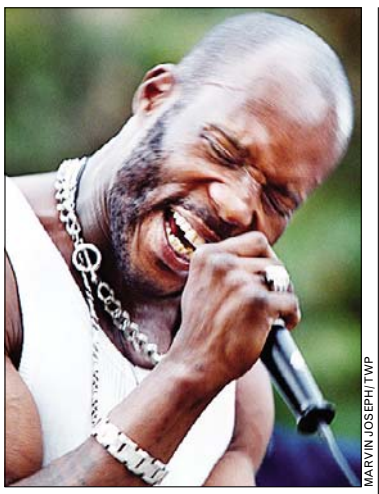
Who Let the Dog Out?

Troubled artist DMX, free for now, hypes the faithful at Love

MUSIC | All five of DMX's solo albums debuted atop the Billboard Chart; the canine-infatuated New York rapper's new disc, "Year of the Dog, Again," will likely continue his streak when it drops next week. But before X assaults the charts for the first time in three years, he'll spend Friday night growling, barking and shouting at a not-especially-aptly named venue, Love.

DMX's lyrics traffic in hackneyed boasts and well-worn threats that occasionally grow lurid enough to surpass cliché, but his bio gives his hardcore posture authenticity that "gangstas" who attended, say, prestigious high schools can't match.

DMX spent most of his youth behind bars or otherwise institutionalized, establishing a criminal pattern that continues unabated.



MARVIN JOSEPH/TWP

In this photo, it's unclear whether DMX is praising Jesus or hating his enemies.

One of the admitted crack addict's most absurd run-ins with the law occurred in 2000, when he turned himself in on drug charges with pot in his pocket. Still, the '04 incident when he was jailed for trying to steal a car, claiming to be an FBI agent and possessing crack and Oxycodone has to be the weirdest. On Monday, DMX turned down a plea bargain in a convoluted traffic case that could now lead to more jail time.

Beyond the wacky crimes (and glossing over the BET reality shows where he appears high and his seemingly contradictory frequent lyrical invocations of Jesus), though, there's his music. DMX rules the charts because he and his producers craft lean, aggressive, memorable anthems that do hardcore's job: They hype the listener to the point where one yearns to lift weights, push weight, smash someone's face and/or drive 105 in a 65. TIM FOLLOS (EXPRESS)

➜ *Love, 1350 Okie St. NE; Fri., 9 p.m., $20; 800-551-7328.*

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Africa's Many Shades

The CinemAfrica film program is aimed at curious Americans

FILM | Alore Damilola knows African expats are up on the films of their homelands, which is why they're not necessarily the audience she's trying to entice with CinemAfrica, the ongoing film series she produces in association with AFI Silver.

"If the doors open and there's not one African in there, I'm OK," said Damilola, founder of the media and entertainment company XXIV/VII Africa. "They know where to get those films already. The whole idea is to get the American audience to see that there is another type of film that they can watch that isn't a typical Hollywood film."

For the latest edition of CinemAfrica, Damilola selected four films from three African countries: South Africa, Burkina Faso and Nigeria.



COURTESY AFRICA XXIV/VII

STATE OF THE ART: Silver Spring's American Film Institute continues to thrill area cineastes with remarkably varied offerings.

"The Widow," kicking off the festival on Sunday, exposes the cruel conditions a Nigerian woman faces, based on primitive customs, after her husband is killed. "Delwende" also investigates questionable traditional practices and their effects on women — in this case, what happens when a woman is accused of having "eaten the soul" of her child, who has died of meningitis.

"Across the Niger" tells the tale of Nigeria's civil war and its effects on two people in love. "Zulu Love Letter" follows a former anti-apartheid activist who is forced to revisit not only her country's tense past but also the strained relationship with her daughter, who was born deaf and dumb due to beatings her mother received while pregnant.

But the series doesn't conclude there. "It never ends," Damilola said of CinemAfrica, adding that the September and October schedules are forthcoming. "We're committed to having at least two films every month." CHRISTOPHER PORTER

➜ *AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; through August 27, $9.25; 301-495-6700, afi.com/silver or xxivviiafrica.com. (Silver Spring)*

What a Fabulous Wake

The band Black Heart Procession toasts to life and the next part

MUSIC | The Black Heart Procession sounds like its name would suggest: a funerary parade of lost and lonely souls through sepia-toned streets. In truth, the members are ex-rockers who pursue the sounds of cabaret, calypso and wine-stained balladry. Though the band isn't particularly eerie on the eyes —it'll fit right into the Black Cat crowd this Saturday — mystery is its aesthetic and theme.

The core duo of Pall Jenkins and Tobias Nathaniel graduated from San Diego indie rock outfit Three Mile Pilot. For BHP's fifth album, "The Spell," they have incorporated drummer Joe Plummer (formerly of Modest Mouse), Jimmy LaValle (from the Album Leaf) and violinist Matt Resovich. The result is both lush and muscular, as if Jenkins had stolen The Bad Seeds from Nick Cave and challenged them to remodel San Diego's rockist reputation.



TOUCH & GO RECORDS

GET IN LINE: Black Heart Procession digs the rock as well as more elaborate forms.

Love and paranoia compete throughout Jenkins' lyrics. The would-be single is "Not Just Words," in which Jenkins meditates on the permanence of deeds long after spoken sweet nothings fade. It's as much a warning as an assurance. For "GPS," the guitar adds a sinewy rhythm to an Orwellian tale, making it seem like the theme to a stylish thriller. "The Letter" hearkens back to the earlier albums' orchestrated noir.

The goal seems not commiseration, but catharsis. Every song offers an out — "hope" might be too strong a word. After all, at the end of the funeral you toast the memories and prepare for a new day. BOB MASSEY

➜ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Sat., 9:30 p.m. $12; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)*

DANCE | LATIN MOVERS



COURTESY I TANGO

IT TAKES TWO, APPARENTLY: On Sunday at the Lisner Auditorium, Argentina's best tango artists heat things up with the performance, "I Tango," demonstrating the dance's precision and its fierce eroticism.

Shadows in the Tube

The restored 1928 film 'Underground' gets haunting new music

FILM | A thrilling love triangle, a hauntingly evocative setting, a nail-biting climactic showdown — the film "Underground" may have come out in 1928, but everything about this shadowy minor masterpiece is modern. Director Anthony Asquith, son of British Prime Minister H.H. Asquith, used avant-garde Expressionist lighting and cutting to relate this tragic romance, set in London's tube stations. For the restored film's screening at the National Gallery on Sunday, British-born composer and D.C. resident Steve Smith has written a new score, which he will perform live with a cellist. Smith discussed his compositional style and his attraction to film in a correspondence.



COURTESY NGA

LOWER DEPTHS: Anthony Asquith created an atmospheric minor masterpiece.

What was your process when approaching "Underground"?
Given that I knew I only had seven weeks for the entire project, I had to work in an extremely focused way, which turned out to be a boon for me. I have always been a bit of a "tweaker" — I am never satisfied with a work and perpetually finesse what is already finished. With this there was none of that. It was get down your ideas and be damned.

Was the film's atmosphere useful to you?
I was very much guided by the overall "colors" in the film. I was guided by the characters, as well. I gave each of the four main characters a musical theme, rather like Wagner's Leitmotiv in his operatic works.

But aside from the skeleton, you have to whip out the genius while people watch.
I have aways been an improviser in my music, and have always loved the idea of the early film pianists working pretty well "on the hoof." There are a number of great contemporary pianists keeping the style alive, though I do not count myself among them.

Do you like and know about film otherwise?
I have passively, if you like, loved films and been fascinated by the scoring process. I have been a session musician on several films over the years and even worked on new scores for silents, including Fritz Lang's "Metropolis."

Are you seeing a resurgence in interest in the silent-film experience with live accompaniment?
Definitely, there are increasing amounts of preservation work being done, bringing forth untold numbers of films from a classic era. There have been many already, though modern preservation techniques will allow for many more previously unsalvageable reels to be saved — and restored to a previously unimagined level of brilliance and clarity. I hope to be part of the renaissance!
ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

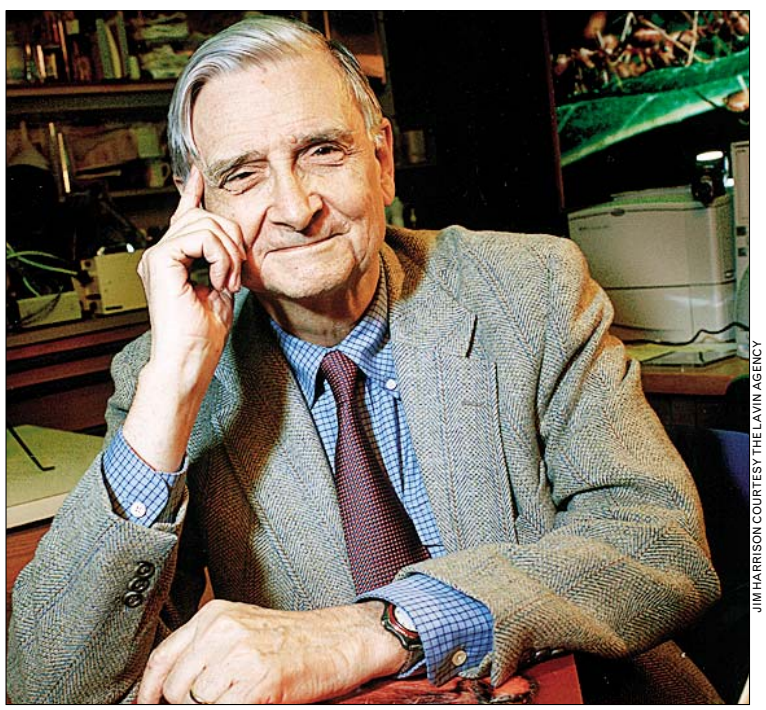
➜ *National Gallery of Art, East Building Auditorium, 600 Constitution Ave. NW; Sun., 4:30 p.m., free; 202-842-6799. (Archives-Navy Memorial)*

The Birds & the Beasts

Prominent naturalist E.O. Wilson gets back to nature — and man

LECTURE | What we now know as science was once termed "natural philosophy." Unraveling the secrets of nature was not a task for niche thinkers; one was expected to examine fully the implications of one's discoveries. But as scientific inquiry grew increasingly specialized, an exceptional mind was required to resist tunnel vision.

Throughout a career that has spanned nearly six decades, naturalist and humanist Edward O. Wilson has never lost sight of the big picture — though he has come at it from a variety of different perspectives. It's telling that the two books that won him Pulitzer Prizes are "On Human Nature" and "The Ants." In 1998, he tied everything together with the bestselling "Consilience: The Unity of Knowledge."



JIM HARRISON COURTESY THE LAVIN AGENCY

WHERE ARE WE GOING? As much philosopher as scientist, as much humanist as naturalist, Wilson has written about living things from insects to plants to people.

Saturday at the National Museum of Natural History's Baird Auditorium, Wilson will deliver a Smithsonian Associates-sponsored lecture based on his new collection, "Nature Revealed: Selected Writings, 1949-2006."

Currently Pellegrino University Professor Emeritus at Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology, Wilson has won awards for his teaching. So if there's any who can make topics as diverse as "The ergonomics of caste in the social insects," "Biophilia and the conservation ethic" and "An equilibrium theory of island biogeography" comprehensible to an appropriately curious general audience, it's Wilson.

He may even answer this fundamental question: "Is humanity suicidal?" GLENN DIXON

➜ *National Museum of Natural History, Baird Auditorium, 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; Sat., 6 p.m., free, but tickets required; 202-252-0012. (Federal Triangle)*

RoadTrip



COURTESY BMA

The Fallout of War

WHAT: Robert Motherwell: Meanings of Abstraction
WHERE: Baltimore Museum of Art, 10 Art Museum Drive, Baltimore, Md.
WHEN: Through Sunday
HOW MUCH: $10
WHY: Motherwell's gift to the museum, "Elegy to the Spanish Republic CII," is featured in a show of the abstract expressionist painter's works. The museum displays this fine, moving work along with pieces by fellow Ab Exers Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner.

Overnight Sensation

Actor Greg Kinnear motivates the indie 'Little Miss Sunshine'

ROAD TRIP | Greg Kinnear's rise has been swift and eclectic.

He first came into the public eye as the host of "Talk Soup" on E!, but was soon wooed by Hollywood, making his feature film debut in 1995's "Sabrina." He stayed on TV for a time, hosting "Later with Greg Kinnear" and received an Oscar nomination in 1997 for his supporting role in the romantic comedy "As Good as It Gets." Other roles followed in a wide range of films, including "You've Got Mail," "Mystery Men," "We Were Soldiers," "The Gift" and "Nurse Betty."

Kinnear skewered his good guy image in 2002's "Auto Focus," portraying "Hogan's Heroes" star Bob Crane as a closeted sex and pornography addict. Suddenly, filmmakers saw him in a new light.

In "Little Miss Sunshine," he plays Richard Hoover, a failing motivational speaker. His pitch is all about winning and yet he can't even get a return phone call from his agent. At the same time, his suburban Arizona family is the epitome of dysfunctional. Teenage stepson (Paul Dano) won't speak. Surly dad (Alan Arkin) is a closet heroin addict. A suicidal brother-in-law (Steve Carell) has to be closely monitored. Plain Jane school-age daughter (Abigail Breslin) dreams of being a beauty queen. Wife (Toni Collette) simply tries to keep it all together as the family scrapes by.



FOX SEARCHLIGHT PICTURES

IT'S A 'SUNSHINE' DAY: Kinnear and Steve Carell contemplate a family road trip.

When his daughter lands a spot in the Little Miss Sunshine contest, Richard loads the whole misbegotten clan into his battered VW bus and sets out across the desert bound for California. The upshot is a bonding experience that unites this fractured family.

"Everyone else who read the script immediately said how funny it was, but I really didn't see it that way," said Kinnear. "What clicked with me more was the tragic situation that [Richard] was in."

The film was the darling of this year's Sundance Film Festival, where it received a standing ovation and glowing reviews.

Kinnear recalled that he was skiing with co-star Carell a few hours before it premiered. "We were riding up on the lift and wondering whether the audience would laugh," he said. ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

Johnny Depp is still the lovable rascal with frilly sleeves, scheming eyes and fey mien. Just don't look for the collision of innocence and danger that made the first film so provocative. DESSON THOMSON

2 Monster House

This animated film is a grisly, often cynical piece of work whose joyless, aggressive spirit is made even less appealing by its soulless visual style. ANN HORNADAY

3 Lady in the Water

In a movie laden with symbolism, shamanism and mythic lore, director M. Night Shyamalan never forgets to have fun. DESSON THOMSON

4 You, Me and Dupree

Owen Wilson returns to playing a sun-kissed naif with a heart of gold. The question is how much longer audiences will accept Wilson's shtick. ANN HORNADAY



COLUMBIA PICTURES

THE CLOSING COSTS ARE KILLER: "Monster House" scared up a No. 2 opening.

5 Little Man

This is about what you'd think a movie in which a man masquerades as a baby would be — every orifice is covered, and the product of every orifice is also covered. STEPHEN HUNTER

6 Clerks II

Director Kevin Smith is again up to profane, raunchy, humanist mischief. This is a lewd, lascivious, exhilaratingly life-affirming celebration of misfits and the misfits who love them. ANN HORNADAY

7 My Super Ex-Girlfriend

Look! Up in the air! It's two-thirds of a bird! It's two-thirds of a plane! It's two-thirds of a funny movie. STEPHEN HUNTER

8 Superman Returns

What's missing is a plot. But the news is good: Superman has returned, and again, you will believe that a man can fly and that virtue is its own reward. STEPHEN HUNTER

9 The Devil Wears Prada

Can smart-girl Andy (Anne Hathaway) survive a year working for the demanding editor (Meryl Streep) of Runway magazine? That's the plot, but Streep makes it fun. JENNIFER FREY

10 Cars

"Cars" is set in a world so auto-normative that even the mountain ranges look like tail fins. The latest concoction from the geniuses at Pixar is great fun. STEPHEN HUNTER

Indies&Arties

'African Trilogy'

Senior Archivist Amy Staples moderates Thursday's Art Night film series discussion about acclaimed documentarian Robert Gardner. "An African Trilogy: The Cinematic Art of Robert Gardner" looks at the filmmaker's seminal early work among the peoples of Ethiopia and Niger. It will be followed by Gardner's own "Deep Hearts," about a ritual of the nomadic Bororo Fulani peoples.

➜ *National Museum of African Art, 950 Independence Ave. SW; Thu., 6 p.m., free; 202-633-4600. (Smithsonian)*

Magical Méliès

The short works of French film pioneer Georges Méliès, made between 1898 and 1908, remain some of the most fantastic and imaginative uses of the medium to this day. Méliès made about 500 of these shorts, toying with the then-new technology, and many of them have been preserved and even restored to their former luster. The National Gallery of Art screens a selection of his early silents, including the iconic "A Trip to the Moon," with live piano accompaniment.

➜ *National Gallery of Art, 600 Constitution Ave. NW; Fri. & Sat., 11 a.m. & 1 p.m., free; 202-842-6799. (Archives-Navy Memorial)*



COURTESY AMC

Méliès' iconic image from 1902's "A Trip to the Moon" remains in play today.

'Vintage Views: British Rail'

The NGA goes trainspotting with a series of five short subjects on all matters regarding the iron horse. The films on loan from the British Film Institute include "Elizabethan Express," "Snowdrift at Bleath Gill" (involving the daring rescue of a snowbound train), "John Betjeman Goes by Train" (about the poet and railway enthusiast), "This Is York" and "Train Time." The shorts run the gamut from cheery industrial film to atmospheric meditation to dramatic train-in-jep story.

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GONE FISHING: Over its decade of existence, the Baltimore-based Lake Trout has experimented with drum 'n' bass, indie rock and even electronica, evolving far past its jam-band roots. More Radiohead than Deadheads, the Trout, at the 9:30 Club with critically Bedazzlered Brits the Editors on Thurdsay, proves trancelike indie can be ultramodern.

The Scene

Sound

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Birchmere: Natalie MacMaster, 7:30 p.m., $35.

Black Cat: Adolescents, Street Dogs, the Vacancies, 8:30 p.m., $13.

Blues Alley: Jonathan Butler, 8 & 10 p.m., $46.

Bohemian Caverns: Kev Brown, Wayna, Raheem DeVaughn, Bilal, Kaimbi, Cy Young, 9 p.m., $5 before 10 p.m.

Clarice Smith Center: UM Summer Percussion Workshop: Talujon Percussion Quartet, 7 p.m., free.

Club Amazon: Mad House Thursdays, 10 p.m., $10, ladies free before 11 p.m.

Crossroads: Live Reggae Happy Hour, Zone One, Jason Steele, Majestic, 5 p.m., free.

DC9: The Field Machine, Darling, 8 p.m., $7. The Editors after party, DJ Ca$$idy, 10:30 p.m, $5.

Ellington's on Eighth: Kevin Jefferson Quartet, 8 p.m., $10.

Five: Latin party with DJs Chris, Manny Fresh & Ty-One, 10 p.m., $5.

Fort Reno: Hott Beat, the Aquarium, Mas y Mas, 7:15 p.m., free.

Fur: All White Party, Chuck Brown, 9 p.m., $20.

Grace Church: Jazz and poetry, 7:30 p.m., free.

Iota: Ultra High Frequency, Rotoglow, Bombadil, 9 p.m., $10.

Jammin' Java: Rude Buddha, the Rivalry, Freddy Inferno, 7:30 p.m., $10.

Kennedy Center: Robin Bullock, 6 p.m., free.

Love: Official Alpha Party, Doug E. Fresh, 9 p.m., $20.

9:30 Club: Editors, Lake Trout & Cedars, 7:30 p.m., $15.

Platinum: Reggae/Reggaeton, DJs Qic-Silver, Smokey Joe & José, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, $15 after 11 p.m.

Ram's Head: The Young Dubliners, 8 p.m., $22.50.

Strathmore: Classical Hit Parade, 8 p.m., $25.

Twins Jazz: The Brad Linde Quartet, 8 p.m., $10-$30.

U-Turn: Live reggae, 9 p.m., $7.

Velvet Lounge: Bang Bang Bang, Imogene, Life in Bed, 9 p.m., $10.

Veterans Park: Janine Wilson, 6 p.m., free.

Wolf Trap: ABBA - the music, 8 p.m., $22-$36.

➜ FRIDAY

Apex: Jamie J. Sanchez, VJs Mark A., Tony Velasco, 9 p.m., $8.

Bangkok Blues: Dan Sachs' Band, 7 p.m., Acme Blues, 9 p.m., $7.

Birchmere: David Bromberg & the Angel Band, 7:30 p.m., $35.

Black Cat: Right Round Mash Up dance party, DJ Lil'e, 9:30 p.m., $9. Girl Friday dance night, 10 p.m., $5 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Jonathan Butler, 8 & 10 p.m., $46.

Bohemian Caverns: Out of the Blue,

TheScene

6 p.m., free.
Chick Hall's Surf Club: Zac Harmon & Mid South Blues Revue, 9 p.m., $20. Heroes and Friends, 10 p.m., $2.
Club Amazon: Rare Essence, 10 p.m., $10, ladies free before 11 p.m.
DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9:30 p.m., $5.
Ellington's on Eighth: Amy K. Bormet Trio, 9:30 p.m., $10.
Five: Jesse Tittsworth, 9 p.m., $10.
Iota: The Brindley Brothers CD release show, Getaway Car, Ben Arnold, 9:30 p.m., $12.
Jammin' Java: Soldiers of Jah Army, DJ Redemption, First Rays, 8 p.m., $15.
Jaxx: Y & T, Grayson Manor, Wrecking Zone, DNS, 8 p.m., $28.
Kennedy Center: Starlingtons, 6 p.m., free.
Love: DMX, 9 p.m., $20.
9:30 Club: Breaking Benjamin, Dropping Daylight, 8 p.m., $25.
Nissan Pavilion: Kenny Chesney, Dierks Bentley, Jake Owen, 7 p.m., $36.50-$70.50.
Ram's Head: Chad & Jeremy, 8 p.m., $35.
Smithsonian Jazz Cafe: Nasar Abadey, Supernova, 6 p.m., $10.
State Theatre: The Yardbirds, 9 p.m., $18.
Twins Jazz: The Jamie Baum Quartet, Kenny Wessel, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.
U-Turn: Live reggae, 9 p.m., $10.
Velvet Lounge: Laura Tsaggaris, Micheal Jantz, the Bittersweets, 9 p.m., $10.
Verizon Center: American Idols Live Tour 2006, 7 p.m., $38.50-$72.50.
Wolf Trap: Paul Anka, Dez Reed, 8 p.m., $22-$40.
Zanzibar: Jamaica 44 Pre-Independence Dance, 7 p.m., $25.

➜ SATURDAY

Apex: Liquid Ladies, DJ Randy White, 9 p.m., $8.
Bangkok Blues: Eat at Joe's, 8:30 p.m., $7.
Birchmere: Kelly Willis, Gregg & Maggie Cagno, 7:30 p.m., $20.50.
Black Cat: Black Heart Profession, Castanet, Devics, 9:30 p.m., $12. Razzmataz dance night, 9:30 p.m., $5 (backstage).
Blues Alley: Jonathan Butler, 8 & 10 p.m., $46.
Bohemian Caverns: Micheal Price Trio, 9 p.m., $10.
Cathedral Church of Saint Matthew: The Maryland State Boychoir, a "Welcome Home" concert, 7:30 p.m., free.
Chick Hall's Surf Club: Heroes & Friends, 10 p.m., $2.
Clarice Smith Center: UM Summer Percussion Workshop: Grand Finale concert, 3 p.m., free.
Club Amazon: The L!ssen Band, 10 p.m., ladies free before 11 p.m., $10 after.
DC9: Rattler, Fuzzy Byskitz, the Bickersons, 9 p.m., $8.
Ellington's on Eighth: King Bee Blues Band, 9:30 p.m., $10.
Five: Batteground DJ competition, DMC, Julius Papp, 9 p.m., $10.
Fur: Glow Saturdays, R.N.S., 9:30 p.m., $20.
Galaxy Hut: The Alphabetical Order, the Sad Lives of the Hollywood Lovers, 9:45 p.m., $5.
H2O: Soul Food Saturdays, 9 p.m., $20.
Iota: Tone, My Education, Tulsa Drone, 9:30 p.m., $10.
Jammin' Java: Soldiers of Jah Army, DJ Redemption, Mambo Sauce, 8 p.m., $15.
Jaxx: So Damn Thirsty, Suicide City, One Slack Mind, Hexerei, Dreams in Fear, Kill Ketura, Rewind, Alygen, Silenced Furies, Rise From Ruin, Luv Razyr, 2:15 p.m., $12.
Kennedy Center: Anousheh Khalili, 6 p.m., free.
Love: Official Alpha Party, 9 p.m., $20.
Merriweather Post Pavilion: O.A.R., Jack's Mannequin, 7:30 p.m., $28-$35.50.
9:30 Club: Eric Roberson, 9 p.m., $15.
Nissan Pavilion: Kenny Chesney, Dierks Bentley, Jake Owen, 7 p.m., $36.50-$70.50.
Platinum: DJ Gemini and guest DJs, (R&B, hip-hop and reggae), 9 p.m., free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, $15 after 11 p.m.
Ram's Head: Kim Richey acoustic duo, 7 p.m., $19.50. Karl Denson's Jazz Trio, 10:30 p.m., $25.
State Theatre: Of Montreal, Grand Buffet, 9 p.m., $14.
Twins Jazz: The Jamie Baum Quartet, Kenny Wessel, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.
Wolf Trap: The Beach Boys, 2 & 8 p.m., $25-$34.
Zanzibar: Super Cat, Junior Demus, 9 p.m., $30.

➜ SUNDAY

Bangkok Blues: Psychedelia, 7 p.m., $6.
Belmont Country Club: Los Lobos, 6 p.m., $15.
Birchmere: Wayne Newton, 7:30 p.m., $95.
Black Cat: Lagwagon, the Lawrence Amrs, a Wilhelm Scream, 8:30 p.m., $15.
Blues Alley: Jonathan Butler, 8 & 10 p.m., $46.
Crossroads: Shabba Ranks, Yellowman, Lady Ann, Lady G, Sister Charmaine, 3 p.m., $30.
DC9: The Payola Reserve, 302 Acid, Graboids, 9 p.m., $8.
Five: Trade (alternative lifestyles), 9 p.m., $10.
Galaxy Hut: Skunk Power, Prabir and the Substitutes, 9:45 p.m., $5.
Iota: Jessi Canning, Toni Alany, 8:30 p.m., $10.
Jammin Java: Ali Marcus, 2 p.m., $5.
Jaxx: Suffocation, Goat Whore, Dead Syndicate, Betheldeign, Beyond Fatal, Torturing Mary, 5:30 p.m., $23.
Kennedy Center: Virginia Virtuosi, 6 p.m., free.
Nissan Pavilion: Mary J. Blige, Jaheim, LeToya, 8 p.m., $55.50-$85.50.
Platinum: DJs Alizay, Trini & Super-

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Strangelove, But Too True

IF ANYONE HAD SAID, in 1964, that a scabrous cinematic sendup of the United States' belligerent, scattershot jingoism would one day be discussed in terms of the accuracy of its military strategies ... well, it would have sounded ike something from "Dr. Strangelove." Stanley Kubrick's Cold War classic comes to the National Potrtrait Gallery for more than entertainment purposes on Thursday — Dr. Larry Suid, author of "Guts and Glory" The Making of the American Military Image in Film," will discuss the movie's current credibility factor. As they said then and still say — yikes. *National Portrait Gallery, 8th & F streets NW; 6:30 p.m., $15; 800-551-7328. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)*

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CARS (G) 9:45, 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30
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WORDPLAY (PG) 10:05 am, 12:15, 7:40

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THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) 11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 10:05
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 11:30, 3:00, 6:35, 10:00
CLICK (PG13) 11:20, 2:00, 4:55, 7:45, 10:30
CARS (G) 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:50

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8

8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
GARFIELD 2 (PG) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30
NACHO LIBRE (PG) 7:35, 9:45
CARS (G) 1:15, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
THE BREAK-UP (PG13) 12:30, 8:00
X-MEN 3 (PG13) 12:15, 2:30, 5:10, 7:45, 10:05
THE DA VINCI CODE (PG13) 4:05, 7:15, 10:15

AMC SELECT
THE LAKE HOUSE (PG) 4:15, 10:10
AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 8:15, 10:20

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220 844

CLERKS II (R) 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 7:50, 10:15
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) 1:20, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) [CC] 1:20, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) 1:10, 3:30, 5:45, 8:05, 10:20
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) 2:10, 5:00, 7:25, 10:10
LITTLE MAN (PG13) 1:00, 2:00, 3:25, 4:40, 5:50, 7:20, 8:20, 9:45, 10:35
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) 1:50, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 12:40, 4:00, 7:10, 10:25
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) 1:30, 4:10, 6:55, 9:30
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 12:50, 4:05, 7:10, 10:35
CLICK (PG13) 5:55
WAIST DEEP (R) 8:25, 10:40
CARS (G) 12:30, 3:15

AMC SELECT
SHADOWBOXER (R) 12:45, 3:20, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

CLERKS II (R) 1:20, 3:50, 7:00, 9:10

AMC SELECT
A SCANNER DARKLY (R) 1:10, 4:40, 7:40, 9:50
SHADOWBOXER (R) 2:00, 4:20, 7:30, 10:00
LEONARD COHEN: I'M YOUR MAN (PG13) 1:00, 7:00
WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR? (PG) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
WORDPLAY (PG) 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:20
A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION (PG13) 3:40, 9:40
AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG) 1:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:20

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

CLERKS II (R) ✓ 11:00, 1:15, 3:35, 5:55, 8:15, 10:50
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) ✓ 11:20, 1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) ✓ 10:50, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:55, 10:10
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) ✓ 11:40, 2:05, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35
LITTLE MAN (PG13) 11:10, 1:30, 4:10, 7:05, 9:30
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) 11:00, 12:15, 1:45, 3:05, 4:20, 5:50, 7:10, 8:25, 9:50, 11:00
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 10:55, 12:05, 1:10, 2:10, 3:25, 4:35, 5:35, 6:45, 7:50, 8:55, 10:00, 11:00
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) [D] [CC] 12:05, 3:25, 6:45, 10:00
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) 11:05, 12:10, 1:35, 2:45, 4:05, 5:25, 6:40, 8:10, 9:25, 10:45
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 11:15, 12:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:45, 7:35, 9:10, 10:55
CLICK (PG13) 11:10, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55

AMC SELECT
A SCANNER DARKLY (R) 12:45, 3:10, 5:40, 8:05, 10:40

AMC RIVERTOWNE 12

Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
703-998-4AMC

CLERKS II (R) ✓ 1:20, 4:15, 7:20
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) ✓ 12:50, 5:00, 7:45
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) ✓ 12:25, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) ✓ 1:10, 4:50, 7:15
LITTLE MAN (PG13) 12:30, 1:00, 3:00, 4:10, 5:30, 7:30, 8:10
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 12:00, 12:40, 3:30, 4:05, 7:00, 7:30
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 12:10, 3:40, 7:10
CLICK (PG13) 12:20, 3:00, 5:30
WAIST DEEP (R) 8:00
CARS (G) 1:20, 4:30, 7:40

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-998-4AMC

CLERKS II (R) ✓ 12:30, 1:45, 3:00, 4:10, 5:10, 6:35, 7:35, 9:10, 10:10
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 12:45, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:15, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) ✓ 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 9:50
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) 1:30, 2:15, 4:15, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15
CARS (G) 1:15, 4:05, 10:30

AMC COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6

Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.
703-998-4AMC

CLERKS II (R) ✓ 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) ✓ 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:10
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) ✓ 1:45, 4:15, 7:45, 10:10
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) [D] [CC] ✓ 1:45, 4:15, 7:45, 10:10
LITTLE MAN (PG13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 9:45
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:30
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 1:30, 7:15
CLICK (PG13) 4:45, 10:30

LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6

4000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
202-334-3456

MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) 1:55, 4:25, 7:05
LITTLE MAN (PG13) 2:15, 4:30, 7:15
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 12:30, 12:45, 1:15, 3:45, 4:10, 4:30, 7:10, 7:30, 7:45
CLICK (PG13) 4:20

AMC SELECT
A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION (PG13) 1:50

LOEWS DUPONT 5

1350 19th St.
202-333-3456

AMC SELECT
A SCANNER DARKLY (R) 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:30, 9:15, 9:50
THE HEART OF THE GAME (PG13) 4:50, 7:20
THE ROAD TO GUANTANAMO (R) 2:45, 9:40
WORDPLAY (PG) 2:20, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
THE LOST CITY (R) 2:15, 5:30, 8:30
WATER (PG13) 2:00, 7:00

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

North Bethesda
310-423-1014 741

LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) 2:35, 5:00, 7:35, 10:00
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) 12:05, 2:30, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) 12:10, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:10
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:00
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 11:30 AM

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slice-Muzik Nashun, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, $15 after 11 p.m.

Ram's Head Tavern: Gerald Albright, Richard Elliot, Jeff Golub, Peter White, 5:30 & 8:30 p.m., $45.

Wolf Trap: Trisha Yearwood, Danielle Peck, 8 p.m., $22-$38.

Zanzibar: Mary J. Blige Official Concert after-party, 10 p.m., $30.

Sight

LAST CHANCE Adamson Gallery: "Renate Aller: Fixed Coordinate," Aller revisits a single point in the Atlantic ocean at different times during the year, producing eight digital color-pigment prints, through Sat. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-842-9220.

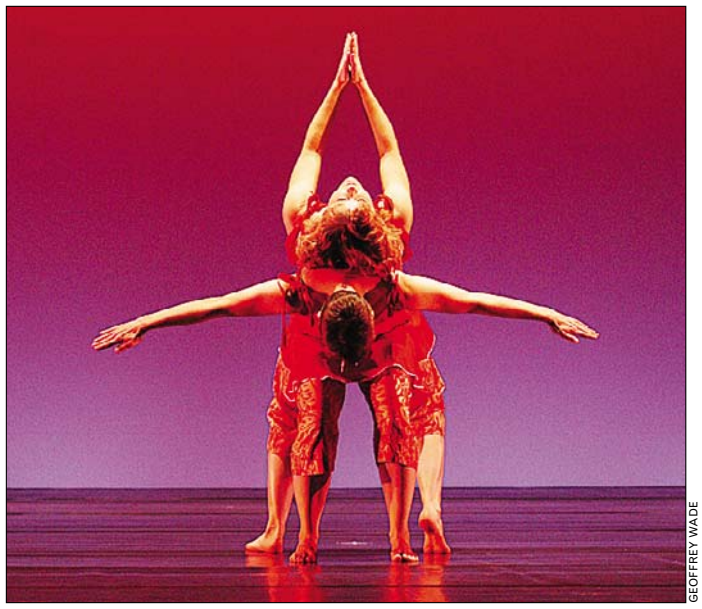
American Art Museum: "American ABC: Childhood in 19th-Century America," explores images of children and their relationship to the American quest for national identity, through Sept. 17. "William Wegman — Funney/Strange," a wide-ranging look at the artist's works from the 1960s to the present, through Sept. 24. "William H. Johnson's World on Paper," never-before-exhibited prints by an artist known for his bold compositions and bright colors, "Passing Time: The Art of William Christenberry" captures the spirit of Southern American culture, ongoing. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000.

Anacostia Museum: "New Orleans Black Mardi Gras Indians: Exploring a Community Tradition From an Insider's View," photographic portraits by J. Nash Porter, through Aug. 6. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-1000.

Ann Loeb Bronfman Gallery: "Through Their Eyes: Captured Moments of Childhood," photographs by Social Realist artists Godfrey Frankel and Helen Levitt depicting American children during the 1940s, through Aug. 13. 1529 16th St. NW; 202-518-9400.

Arlington Arts Center: "New Art Examined," works by 2006 Master of Fine Arts graduates in the Mid-Atlantic region. "Exposing Papers," Jill Romanoke's solo exhibit of mixed media on paper, both

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GROUND WAR: At Dance Place this Saturday and Sunday, Gravity Optional Dance Company presents a variety of new works. Artistry and athleticism are G.O.'s chief assets; being earthbound its chief obstacle. Among the highlights of this weekend's program are "Grace," a memorial tribute to Coretta Scott King, Rosa Parks and August Wilson; "Sextet #1 With Rests," an exploration of the aesthetics of mathematics through human forms; and "Nostalgia," a duet set to fragments of rock music.

through Aug. 5. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-248-6800.

Canadian Embassy Art Gallery: "All About Alberta," a collection of fine crafts reflecting the Canadian province's sense of place, through Sept. 16. 501 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-448-6255.

LAST CHANCE Conner Contemporary: "Cut," video and photography by Bradley McCallum and Jacqueline Terry examines issues of partnership and intimacy, through Sat. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "Contemporary (Re)defined," the museum's largest contemporary exhibit, through Aug. 13. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

LAST CHANCE Curator's Office: "Rules," an "architectural intervention" by Michael Cataldi and Pranay Reddy, through Sat. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-387-1008.

DAR Museum: "Obsolete, Odd and Absolutely Ooky Stuff from the DAR Museum Vaults," through Sept. 2. 1176 D. St. NW; 202-879-3241.

Ellipse Arts Center: "Conversions," explores spatial interpretations from three

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REGAL ENTERTAINMENT GROUP

GALLERY PLACE STADIUM 14
701 Seventh St NW — 800-FANDANGO 1721#

SHADOWBOXER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 225 515) 735 1005
CLERKS II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 230 450) 725 945
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) DIG (1150 215 440) 740 1000
LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13) DIG (1235 130 330 430) 615 715 920 1015
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) DIG (1215 240 505) 730 955
LITTLE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1220 100 245 345 520) 645 745 915 1010
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) DIG (1205 110 235 400 510) 640 750 930 1020
OC & DA: PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN 2 (PG-13) DIG (320) 950
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1155 1245 410) 630 720 1030
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) DIG (1230 335) 635 935
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13) DIG (1225 340) 710 1025

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12
Glebe Rd, Arlington — 800-FANDANGO 377#

Adv. Tix on Sale DCI QUARTERFINALS (NR) ★
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) DIG (1200 1230 225 255 455 525) 720 750 945 1015
LITTLE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1145 1215 215 245 445 515) 715 745 1000 1030
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1125 1155 1225 250 320 350) 630 700 730 955 1025
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) DIG (1140 120 220 400 500) 640 740 920 1020
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13) DIG (1130 300) 710 1035
AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG) DIG (1150 210 440) 705 930
THE DA VINCI CODE (PG-13) DIG (1210 330) 650 1010

BOWIE STADIUM 14
15200 Major Lansdale Blvd — 800-FANDANGO 454#

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CLERKS II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 430) 735 1005
LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13) DIG (110 215 415 500) 700 745 945 1030
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) DIG (1155 125 225 355 455) 645 730 915 1000
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) DIG (120 420) 710 940
LITTLE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1250 150 350 450) 650 750 950 1020 1050
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) DIG (100 405) 720 955
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1215 130 345 500) 715 830 1045
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) DIG (105 410) 725 1025
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13) DIG (1150 325) 700 1035
CLICK (PG-13) DIG (1140)
CARS (G) DIG (1210 400) 705

Free Family Film Festival Tue & Wed 10AM

BETHESDA 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue — 800-FANDANGO 569#

Adv. Tix on Sale TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13) ★
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) DIG (1250 340) 720 950
LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13) DIG (110 430) 735 1020
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) DIG (1215 240 505) 730 955
LITTLE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1150 230 450) 710 940
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) DIG (1145 220 500) 750 1030
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1200 1245 330 415) 700 745 1015
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) DIG (1220 400) 740 1025
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13) DIG (315) 650 1005
CLICK (PG-13) DIG (1230)
CARS (G) DIG (100 350) 645 945

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy — 800-FANDANGO 690#

Adv. Tix on Sale TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13) ★
MONSTER HOUSE DIGITAL 3D: $1.50 FEE FOR 3D (PG) DIG (1225 250 515) 740 1005
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) DIG (1155 220 445) 710 935
LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13) DIG (1145 125 225 405 505) 645 745 925 1025
CLERKS II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1205 230 455) 720 945
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) DIG (1150 235 500) 730 955
LITTLE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1130 1200 140 240 420 520) 650 750 920 1020
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) DIG (215 245 510 540) 755 825 1035
OC & DA: PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN 2 (PG-13) DIG (340) 1030
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1215 1245 115 410 440) 705 735 805
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COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza — 800-FANDANGO 394#

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LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13) DIG (1120 1220 120 220 320 420 520) 620 720 820 920 1020
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) DIG (1100 100 130 330 400) 600 630 830 900
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) DIG (1115 1145 110 210 410 510) 700 800 950
LITTLE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1150 150 250 430 530) 750 850 1025
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1110 1210 240 440) 610 710 810 930
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) DIG (1250 350) 650 940
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13) DIG (1140 310) 640 1015
CLICK (PG-13) DIG (445) 715 1005
CARS (G) DIG (1100 115 145 415) 705 945

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Adv. Tix on Sale TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13) ★
CLERKS II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1225 300 515) 740 1005
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) DIG (1215 240 505) 730 955
LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13) DIG (1110 1150 155 235 440 520) 725 805 1010 1050
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) DIG (1155 220 435) 700 925
LITTLE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1220 245 510) 735 1000
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) DIG (1130 210 250 440 520) 710 750 950 1020
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1205 1255 335 420) 705 745 1025
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) DIG (1210 255 525) 755 1030
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13) (1225 350) 715 1040
CLICK (PG-13) DIG (1200)
CARS (G) DIG (1100 135 410) 645 920

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road — 800-FANDANGO 670#

Adv. Tix on Sale TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale DCI QUARTERFINALS (NR) ★
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) DIG (1100 1200 130 250 420 510) 650 740 930 1010
CLERKS II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1115 1215 140 300 430 520) 710 750 940 1020
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1145 1230 120 315 400 445) 645 715 810 1000 1030
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13) DIG (1130 305) 700 1015
CLICK (PG-13) (1110 150 440) 720 955
A SCANNER DARKLY (R) - ID REQ'D (1120 145 415) 730 1005

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20000 Century Blvd — 800-FANDANGO 455#

Adv. Tix on Sale TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13) ★
CLERKS II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 400) 740 1005
LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13) DIG (1210 145 310 445) 705 745 950 1030
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) DIG (1145 1215 210 240 435 505) 700 730 925 955
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) DIG (1200 230 500) 730 1000
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) DIG (130 330 430) 650 750 930 1040
LITTLE MAN (PG-13) DIG (115 410) 720 950
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1145 1240 315 415) 645 745 1015
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) DIG (120 415) 700 940
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13) DIG (200) 640 1010
CARS (G) DIG (110 410) 715 1015
CLICK (PG-13) DIG (1230)

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CLERKS II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 245 515) 800 1030
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) DIG (1115 145 430) 745 1030
LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13) DIG (1100 1200 145 245 430 530) 730 830 1015
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) DIG (1200 230 500) 730 1000
OC & DA: YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) DIG (500) 1025
LITTLE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1145 215 445) 715 935
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) DIG (1115 1215 200 300) 630 745
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1130 1230 300 400) 700 800 915 1015
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) DIG (100 415) 715 945
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13) DIG (1145 315) 645 1000
CLICK (PG-13) DIG (1245 330) 645 930
CARS (G) DIG (1245 400) 700
THE DA VINCI CODE (PG-13) DIG 945

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive — 800-FANDANGO 490#

Adv. Tix on Sale TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13) ★
CLERKS II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1130 200 425) 800 1025
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) DIG (110 350) 755 1035
LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13) DIG (1120 1250 220 330 455) 715 740 950 1030
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) DIG (1145 1215 210 240 435 505) 700 730 925 955
LITTLE MAN (PG-13) DIG (120 405) 750 1010
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) DIG (1240 115 320 420) 650 735 1015
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1110 1205 230 340) 640 705 930 1000 1020
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) DIG (125 415) 645 945
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13) DIG (1140 305) 630 1005
CLICK (PG-13) DIG 1010
CARS (G) DIG (100 400) 720

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Ask Tom

I went to Bazin's in Vienna on Saturday night — the noise baffling is in on the ceiling. It helped; you did not have to scream as much.

It's true. Co-owner Julie Bazin informs me that the soundproofing is in place and customers have noticed.

➜ *111 Church St. NW, Vienna; 703-255-7212.*

If you had to choose among Charlie Palmer Steak, Rasika, Indebleu and Zengo, which one would win? We only have one night to head out for a nice dinner.

Right now? Rasika. The Indian cooking and handsome dining room are both very much to my taste.

➜ *633 D St. NW; 202-637-1222. (Archives-Navy Memorial)*

We recently returned from a trip to Portugal and recalled that a Portuguese restaurant used to be included in your Dining Guide. I believe it was on Connecticut Avenue in Chevy Chase. Is this place still worth the trip?

Tavira is still worth the journey.



GERALD MARTINEAU/TWP

LISBON RHAPSODY: Tavira on Connecticut is still the place for Portuguese food.

➜ *8401 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase; 301-652-8684.*

What happened to the harbor, especially Sequioa? They used to be so busy. Has the food and management gotten worse?

I get more reader complaints about Sequoia — about the awful service, about the mediocre food — than just about any other restaurant. "Busy" doesn't mean "successful." As far as I'm concerned, Sequoia has only its waterfront location to recommend it.

➜ *3000 K St. NW; 202-944-4200.*

Are there any decent eating places in Georgetown at all these days? I'm drawing a blank.

1789, Bistro Francais, Bistro Lepic, Citronelle, Pizzeria Paradiso — not as many as you'd expect, given all the dining rooms in that part of the city!

➜ *1789, 1226 36th St. NW; 202-965-1789.*

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Eating Around

CHEVY CHASE

Chef Geoff Tracy Strikes Again — Finally — With Lia's

Geoff Tracy's long-awaited Lia's in Chevy Chase opened to the public on Monday, bringing a casual Italian bistro to Willard Street near the Friendship Heights metro station. Tracy, whose collection includes the two Chef Geoff's locations in the District, is offering sandwiches, salads and pizza, plus larger entrees such as veal loin chop and lobster pansotti. Also look for a large beer and wine selection and a rotating wine-by-the-glass offering.

MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

4435 Willard Ave., Chevy Chase; 240-223-5428. (Friendship Heights)

DINING OUT, CASHING IN

Ready, Set and Devour D.C.'s Restaurant Week Deals

Restaurateurs say Washington Restaurant Week — set for Aug. 14-20 — is a way to give diners an inexpensive indulgence in the best of their kitchens. Foodie cynics say it's a public-relations ploy to prop up what would be sagging late-summer sales. Waiters can be crabby and have been known to throw plates down on tables and to act generally snooty to the penny-pincher diner. But to the restaurant enthusiast, it's a week to go around town and try out different menus. Now that the official list is out, diners are already claiming the best reservation times at the best places. So, go to washington.org/restaurantwk soon to plot your strategy.

Some reminders: Diners, be kind to waiters. The reduced-priced, prix-fixe lunch and dinner options means that tips will be down for these hard workers. Waiters, be kind to customers. They may tip more than expected, and a good experience can snag you — and the restaurant — a customer for life.

And here's a tip from Jason Storch from DCFoodies.com: Consider going to a restaurant that isn't participating in Restaurant Week. It's likely to be less busy.

Express will be dining around town and plans to post dispatches on ReadExpress.com. Send an e-mail to comments@readexpress.com with "Restaurant Week" in the header and you, too, could join in the fun. (MG)



LET'S SPEAK FRANKLY: Who said ballpark dining had to be grody? Nats officials are burnishing the reputation of RFK's food.

AT THE BALLPARK

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When the Washington Nationals started playing at RFK Stadium, one of the most lackluster elements of the ballpark experience was the concession area. (Sure, a day of baseball isn't supposed to be a gourmet treat, but still ...) Now, Nationals officials, hoping to increase the overall ballpark experience — and ticket sales — have rolled out a new slate of concessions options, which have been getting overall positive reviews from fans. Included in the new concessions scheme are Red Hot and Blue and Papa John's pizza. The biggest change is the Terrace View Food Court on the mezzanine level including Capital Q, ARs, Cluck University Chicken, Cantina Marina and Hard Times Cafe. (MG)

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RICKY CARIOTI/TWP

SPREADING VIOLINS: Accomplished musician and songwriter David Bromberg has played as a sideman on more than a hundred albums, including those of Bob Dylan and Jerry Jeff Walker, and is now gracing the stage at Birchmere on Friday night with his Angel Band, a group of three versatile female vocalists. The draw is not just these three soulful singers but the instrumental stylings of Bromberg, whose proficiency with a guitar, mandolin, violin, dobro and fiddle defies easy classification.

TheScene

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distinct points of view, through Sept. 29. 4350 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington; 703-228-4641.

Flashpoint: "Axelle Rioult: Non Sans Emoi," French artist Rioult uses technology and performance to create a "psychological self-portrait," through Aug. 19. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310.

Folger: "Noyses, Sounds, and Sweet Aires," musical instruments used in early modern England, though Sept. 9. 201 East Capitol St. NE; 202-544-7077.

LAST CHANCE Foundry Gallery: "After the Storm," group show of Bay St. Louis artists who survived Hurricane Katrina, through Sun. 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203.

Fraser Gallery: "10th Annual Greater Washington, D.C., International Fine Arts Competition," through Aug. 9. 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651.

LAST CHANCE Frederick Douglass National Historic Site: "From Freedoms Shadow: African Americans and the US Capitol," highlights the involvement of African Americans in the United States Capitol from enslaved labor during its construction to current Congressional representation, through Sat. 1900 Anacostia Drive SE; 202-692-6033.

LAST CHANCE Freer Gallery of Art/ Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Hiroshi Sugimoto: History of History," juxtaposes Sugimoto's own photographs with a range of traditional Japanese artifacts from Sugimoto's personal collection, through Sun. "Beyond Brushwork: Symbolism in Chinese Painting," through Nov. 26."Facing East: Portraits from Asia," paintings, sculptures and photographs of Egyptian pharaohs, Chinese empresses, Japanese actors and a host of other subjects, through Sept. 4. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-4880.

G Fine Art: "Redefined: Modern and Contemporary Art from the Collection," works by gallery artists Linn Myers, Maggie Michael and Jeff Spaulding, ongoing. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-462-1601.

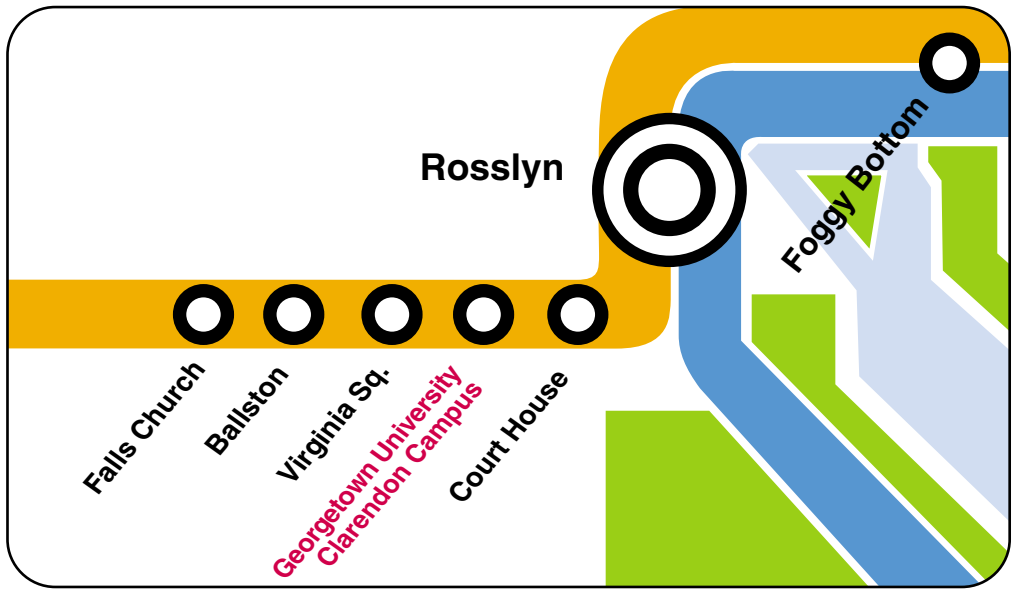
Gallery 10: French artist Henry Dancer's works on paper, echoing expressionist movements in art, through Aug. 26. 1519 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-232-3326.

Gallery Plan B: Paintings by Gary Fisher and John Talkington, drawings by Tanja Bos, through Aug. 20. 1530 14th St. NW; 202-234-2711.

Gateway's Heliport Gallery: "Community Spirit," Hussein Saidi's art focuses on community and family both in his home country of Tanzania and in the United States, through Aug. 3. 8001 Kennett St.,

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Goethe-Institut: "Gute Aussichten: Young German Photographers," works by winners of two German graduate photography competitions, through Aug. 31. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200.

Greater Reston Arts Center: "Languages of Silence," J. Mahoney's selections based upon the concept "that which is real is given and received in silence," through Aug. 18. 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston; 703-471-9242.

Hemphill: Works on paper by Benjamin Abramowitz, 35mm Kodachromes by William Christenberry and photographs by Don Donaghy, all through Aug. 19. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601.

Hillyer Art Space: "Scratching the Surface: A Survey of Artists in the Washington Region," through Aug. 24. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680.

Hirshhorn Museum: "Heaven and Earth," highlights of Anselm Kiefer's career-long meditation on the relationship between above and below, through Sept. 10. "Directions," Jim Lambie uses vinyl tape to transform the museum's lobby into a giant, colorful painting, through Oct. 2. "Ways of Seeing: John Baldessari Explores the Collection," artist Baldessari organizes an installation using works drawn from the museum's holdings. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000.

LAST CHANCE Irvine Contemporary: "Animalia," beauty out of beasts, curated by Heather Russell, through Sat. 1412 P St. NW; 202-332-8767.

Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "Outside the Ark: An Artist's Journey in Occupied Palestine," artist and autor Ellen O'Grady relates through art her experience of living in Palestine for 7 years, through Aug. 25. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958.

Katzen Arts Center: "Makoto Fujimura: Water Flames and Zero Summer," large-scale abstractions. "Made in Oakland by Jim Melchert," ceramic tile installations, both through Aug. 20. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-1300.

LAST CHANCE McLean Project for the Arts: "Space-Domestic," explores the idea of space as a subject matter in paintings, drawings and mixed media, through Sat. 1234 Ingleside Ave., Mclean; 703-790-1953.

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National Archives: "Eyewitness: American Originals from the National Archives," written and recorded firsthand accounts of major events in American history, through Jan. 1, 2007. Constitution Avenue between 7th & 9th streets NW; 202-357-5300.

LAST CHANCE National Building Museum: "New Orleans — A Shared Space," six architectural firms reveal ideas for rebuilding New Orleans, through Sun. "Prairie Skyscraper: Frank Lloyd Wright's Price Tower," exploring Wright's only (constructed) skyscraper, through Sept. 17. "Cityscapes Revealed," highlights from the museum's permanent collection, ongoing. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

LAST CHANCE National Gallery of Art: "Photographic Discoveries," 19th- and early 20th-century photographs by various artists, through Sun. "Across Media," Charles Sheeler's paintings, drawings, films and photos set the foundation for American modernism, through Aug. 27. "Bellini, Giorgione, Titian and the Renaissance of Venetian painting," through Sept. 17. "Master Drawings from the Woodner Collections," works by Da Vinci, Rembrandt, Degas and more, through Oct. 1. "Henri Rousseau: Jungles in Paris," Rousseau's fantasy landscapes depict a seductive and terrifying world. through Oct. 15. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-289-3360.

National Geographic Society: "Castles and Crusades: A View in Miniature," two large model castles and a bazaar, with more than 2,000 hand-painted figurines, provide a glimpse into the Crusades era, through Sept 4. "One World, One Tribe — Reza," selected images by photojournalist Reza depict the torments of war and revolution, through Oct. 9. "Soccer: Planet at Play," photos and video of the game being played by amateurs around the world, through Oct. 29. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588.

National Library of Medicine: "Visible Proofs: Forensic Views of the Body," ongoing. 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-496-6308.

National Museum of African Art: "African Gold," from the Glassell Collection, through Nov. 26. "First Look: The Walt Disney-Tishman African Art Collection," through Dec. 3. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of American History: "Honky-Tonk," Henry Horenstein's photos of country musicians, through Sept. 5, other exhibitions ongoing. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of Natural History: "Wondrous Cold: An Antarctic Journey," photographs by Joan Myers of daily life at McMurdo Station, Antarctica's primary research facility, through Sept. 4. "Lewis and Clark: The National Bicentennial," artifacts depict encounters the explorers had during their journey through America, through Sept. 11. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: Chakaia Booker uses car tires to create sculptures, through Sept. 4. "Dreaming Their Way," the work of Australian Aboriginal women painters, through Sept. 24. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000.

National Portrait Gallery: "Eye Contact:

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RUSS HARRINGTON

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORM: Singer-songwriter Trisha Yearwood has been through a lot. Not as much as country tabloid queen Mindy McCready, but enough to inform her tough, tender, troubling and always honest songs. Hear the tasteful covers that made her famous and the original work that keeps her there when she plays Wolf Trap on Sunday.

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MARKUS KLINKO & INDRANI

Third Act: Mary J. Blige is into drama again — the small-screen kind. The soap opera guest star and Queen of Hip-Hop Soul is at Nissan Pavilion on Sunday. | *Spotlight*

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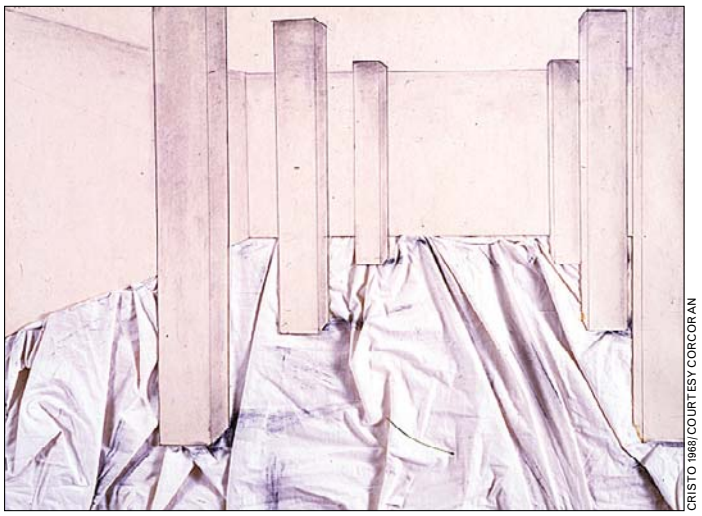
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Modern American Portraiture Drawing," masterpieces of 20th century portraiture, through Oct. 9. "Portraiture Now," works by contemporary artists that have made portraiture their focus, through Jan. 7, 2007. "Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition 2006," the works of seven finalists from the first-ever U.S. national portrait competition, through Feb. 18, 2007. "Americans Now," portraits of prominent American athletes, entertainers, politicians, and other such celebrities, through Apr. 29, 2007. "America's Presidents," an extended display of multiple images of 42 U.S. presidents, including the famous "Lansdowne" portrait of George Washington, ongoing. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000.

National Postal Museum: "Rarity Revealed: The Benjamin K. Miller Collection," lucky Miller was in possession of a "One-Cent Z Grill," the rarest of U.S. stamps, through Oct. 1, 2007. 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-633-5555.

LAST CHANCE Phillips Collection: "The Renoir Returns," the museum's well-known French Impressionist pieces return to Dupont Circle, through Sun. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151.

Pyramid Atlantic Art Center: "Displacement," multimedia works by Nino Leselidze, Hadieh Shafie and Jennie Thwing. "A Change of Plans," a video installation by Symmes Gardner, both through Aug. 15. 8230 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; 301-608-9101.

LAST CHANCE Ratner Museum: "Argentinean Artists," painting, sculpture and photography, through July 27. 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda; 301-299-6042.

Roxanne's ARTiques: "Summertime: Six Photographers," features images of summer, through Aug. 31. 3426 9th St. NE; 202-526-7020.

Salve Regina Gallery: "Phantom Floor," three young Washington-area artists display works that involve the notion of the phantom, through Aug. 11. Catholic University, 620 Michigan Ave. NE; 202-842-6549.

Spectrum Gallery: "Celebrate Washington," works by Washington artists, through Sept. 3. 1421 22nd St. NW; 202-833-1616.

Strathmore: "Fiber Fantasy: Potomac Craftsmen Fiber Guild and Special Guests," through Aug. 26. "From Urban to Suburban II," Spectrum Gallery's dynamic exhibit of works in various media, opens Sat., through Aug. 26. "Pottery by Ben Culbertson and Josh DeWeese," opens Sun., through Aug. 26. 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-581-5200.

LAST CHANCE Studio Gallery: "Art Studio Gallery Artists Group Show," through Sun. 2108 R St. NW; 202-232-8734.

LAST CHANCE Textile Museum: "Seldom Seen: Director's Choice From the Museum's Collections," through Sun. "Harpies, Mermaids and Tulips: Embroidery from Greek Islands and the Epirus Region," through Sept. 3. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.

Torpedo Factory: "A Capital Idea," member show of fine-art photography "Tea

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Time," exhibition of tea accessories, "Mix It Up," juried show highlighting mixed media and materials, "Ray Parisi's Mini Show," all through Aug. 6. "All-Media Membership Show." "Decompositions," photographs by Pamela Zilly, both through Aug. 7. 105 North Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565.

Touchstone Gallery: "Undercover: Artists Hit the Books," works by various artists that invite the viewer to re-examine what constitutes a book, through Aug. 6. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787.

Transformer: "E3: Painters," a combination of finished bodies of work, works in progress and the beginning of new series that the featured artists will continue to explore, through Aug. 5. 1404 P St. NW; 202-483-1102.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Systematics: Roots and Relationships," focuses on the work of scientists at USDA's Beltsville Agricultural Resource Center, through Oct. 1. "Summer Reunion: A Gathering of Plant Families," a series of gardens showcasing 11 different plant families, through Oct. 15. "Protecting America's Wildest Urban River: From Floods to Flowers in the Potomac Gorge," through Nov. 19. "Lines on Paper: How Fantasy Becomes a Garden," drawings, sketches, photos and a maquette of the artisic elements being created for Longwood's Children's Garden, through Jan. 15, 2007. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333.

The Walters Art Museum: "Mightier Than the Sword: The Satirical Pen of Kal," celebrates the works of political cartoonist Kevin Kallaugher (aka Kal) featuring some of his better-known cartoons and caricatures from The Baltimore Sun and The Economist, as well as some lesser-known sculptures, films and 3D animations, through Sept. 3. 600 North Charles Street, Baltimore; 410-547-9000.

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makers Gallery: "Punctuation and Friends," intaglio prints by Victoria Vogl, through Sun. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757.

Wohlfarth Galleries: "Affinity: Abstraction," paintings by Richard Vosseller and others, part of the "Shaken, Not Stirred ... An Ephemeral Cocktail" summer series, through Aug. 3. 3418 9th St. NE; 202-526-8022.

LAST CHANCE Zenith Gallery: "David Hubbard & Jodi," Hubbard transforms stainless steel into sculpture; Jodi creates textures on canvas and wood, through July 28 (exhibited at 901 E St.). "Sizzling Summer Sampler," a mixed-media exhibition, through Sept. 3. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963.

Stage

LAST CHANCE All the Great Books (abridged): The Reduced Shakespeare Company comically condenses literary classics, through Sun., $40. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org.

An Enemy of the People: A doctor attempts to warn his small town that the water supply for its famous public baths may be contaminated, but he is scorned for scaring away tourist traffic, through Aug. 27, $34-$44. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

SATURDAY ONLY Axis of Evil comedy show: Comedians and actors Maz Jobrani, Ahmed Ahmed and Aron Kader come together for over two hours of comedy, July 29, $27-$37. Warner Theatre, 1299 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-783-4000, warnertheatre.com.

The Borrowers: Adapted from Mary Norton's beloved children's novels, this play is about a minuscule family that lives beneath the floorboards of a house, through Aug. 13, $15. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660, imaginationstage.org.

LAST CHANCE Caribeana Imperia: GALA Hispanic Theatre presents an original musical that explores the power of rapso, a melding of the poetry of calypso with the consciousness of soca, through Sun., $28-$32. GALA Theatre, Tivoli Square, 3333 14th St. NW; 202-234-7174, galatheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE The Complete History of America (abridged): The Reduced Shakespeare Company trio cleverly covers 600 years of American history in 6,000 seconds, through July 28, $45. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org.

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THURSDAY ONLY Dance Institute of Washington Summer Intensive Presentation: Students perform a mixed repertory of dance that includes ballet, modern and African pieces, Thu., free. H Street Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE; 202-396-0050, hstreetplayhouse.com.

Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead: Bert V. Royal's unauthorized parody of the beloved comic strip "Peanuts," through Aug. 6, $25. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

Ellington: The Life and Music of the Duke: A cabaret featuring the remarkable life and music of jazz legend Duke Ellington, though Aug. 6, $35. MetroStage, 1201 North Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-9044, metrostage.org.

LAST CHANCE Flip Orley: The comic hypnotist, through Sun., $15. Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-296-7008, dcimprov.com.

LAST CHANCE Godspell: Act III Theatre Company presents Stephen Schwartz's hit musical based on the Gospel according to Matthew, through Sun., $15. Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road, Arlington; 703-548-1154, encorestage.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Gravity Optional: A dance performance exploring both sober and lighthearted aspects of human interaction, Sat. & Sun, $20. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; 202-269-1600, danceplace.org.

SUNDAY ONLY I Tango: The Argentine Tango Society will fly in 12 of Argentina's most accomplished Tango dancers for this one-night show, Sun., $28-$48. Lisner Auditorium, 21st & H streets NW; 202-994-6800, lisner.org.

LAST CHANCE Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well & Living in Paris: A tough, timely musical revue of Belgian songwriter Jacques Brel and the Parisians who embody his songs, through Sun., $34-$44. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY La Corbiere: A one-act play adapted from a poem about the fate of French prostitutes who were shipwrecked at Corbiere Lighthouse during World War II, through Sun., $15. Georgetown Swimming Pool, 3400 Volta Place NW; 202-595-1915, solasnua.org.

Like Father, Like Son: This family drama depicts the legacy of destructive masculine attitudes, through Aug. 6, $20. Atlas Theatre, 1333 H St. NE; 202-399-7993, atlasarts.org.

LAST CHANCE Love's Labors Lost: Artistic Director Michael Kahn updates Shakespeare's comedy to 1960s India for maximum pop dazzle, through Sun., $14.25-$71.25. Shakespeare Theatre Company, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122, shakespearetheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE 1940's Radio Hour: A high-energy musical comedy about American soldiers and families during World War II, through July 29, $17. Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean; 703-790-0123, mcleancenter.org.

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest: Firebelly Production presents Ken Kesey's story about the antics of patients in a mental ward, through Aug. 6, $5-$15. Theatre on the Run, 3700 South Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 703-409-2372, firebellyproductions.net.

SATURDAY ONLY People For Whom the World Spins and Turns: The story of four recovering addicts trying to survive a 28-day recovery program, Sat., $12. DC Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

Picasso at the Lapin Agile: Steve Martin's absurdist comedy about a fictional meeting between a young Pablo Picasso and a young Albert Einstein in a Paris cafe at the turn of the century, through Aug. 19., $25. Gunston Arts Center Theatre II, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-892-0202, keegantheatre.com.

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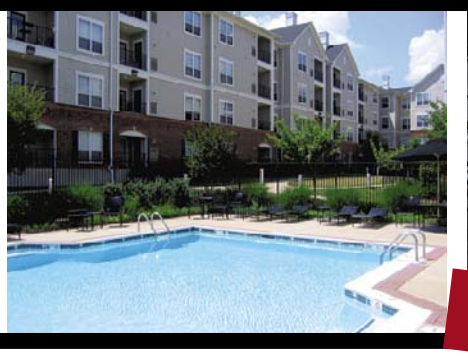
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